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SCENE OF YACHTING OFF NORTHEAST  
HARBOR, MAINE DURING SUMMER OF  
1952.

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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF  
Town of Mt. Desert  
FOR  
1952

Population: 1950—1776



Bar Harbor Times Publishing Company  
Bar Harbor, Maine

## ELECTIVE TOWN OFFICERS

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### SELECTMEN

AND

### OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

*George R. Grant*

*John E. Jordan*

*Ernest C. Ober*

### TREASURER AND COLLECTOR

*Carlo A. Ninfi*

### ASSESSORS

*Pearl Bordeaux*

*Joseph W. Small*

*Richard A. Smith*

### TOWN CLERK

*L. Lawrie Holmes*

## APPOINTIVE TOWN OFFICERS

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### TOWN MANAGER

*A. H. Curtis*

### INSPECTORS OF PLUMBING

*Earl Coston*

*Everett G. Jordan*

### FIRE CHIEFS

*Lawrence Flye\**

*Donald Smith\**

*Marvin Bryant\**

*John W. Somes\**

*\*Deputy Fire Wardens*

### ENGINE DRIVERS

*Bernard Holmes*

*Heslyn G. Kelley*

*Paul Walton*

*Carleton Taylor*

*Robert E. DeRevere*

*Kenneth Taylor*

### FIRE WARDEN

*Woodbury A. Stanley*



## STATE DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS

Fred M. Barnes, East Holden

Horace W. Remick, Ellsworth

## POLICE DUTY

Orville C. Bartlett\*

Eugene Merchant

Edward Gillett

Elmer Meader

\*Serves as Dog Constable

## CONSTABLES

Fred Kimball

Kenneth Taylor

L. E. Kimball, Jr.

Walter Packard

Elmer Green\*

Maurice Smith, Jr.

Ralph Holland\*

Sans Varnum

King Meader\*

Sidney Robbins

Elmer T. Meader\*

George Korkmazien

Carleton Taylor

\*Serve as special constables with Fire Departments.

## HEALTH OFFICER

### SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

### INSPECTOR OF MILK

Frederick J. Iveney

## COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE

Lucy A. Barker, R. N.

## SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND BARK

Howard F. Jenkins

Thurlow Hanna

Fred MacKenzie

## EXAMINER OF STEAM BOILER OPERATORS

Frederick Blanchard

## HARBORMASTERS

Andrew Kennedy

Pearl Clement

## HARBOR COMMITTEE

Maurice Burr, Chairman

Marvin Bryant

Farnham Butler

John J. O'Brien

Gordon Falt

## MEMBERS OF THE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE

Charles K. Savage, *Chairman*

### *Residents*

John W. Somes	Robert Garrity
Edward Clement	Ernest Richardson
Robert F. DeRevere	O. C. Nutting
E. Farnham Butler	Gerald Richardson
James P. Bunker	J. C. Walls

Maurice H. Burr

### *Summer Residents*

Walter H. Gilpatrick	Jarvis Cromwell
Gilbert H. Montague	Percy Clark
John J. O'Brien	Alexander Yarnall
Nelson Rockefeller	Edgar Allen Poe
Tertius Van Dyke	Isaac Roberts
William A. M. Burden	Chauncey McCormick

Charles Dickey

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Paul J. Brown



## REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

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This year's Annual Report has been prepared thru the coordinated efforts of department or unit heads, Collector-Treasurer and the Town Manager. Photo credits should be given to Mr. Roy Salisbury and Dr. G. M. Haskell. Mr. Everett Blethen made up the cartoon on our Refuse Collection, an incident which actually happened.

This report is quite long and is necessarily so because of individual listing of material purchases and minor contractual services. Much of this information could well be incorporated in the budget preparation by this office and presented in mimeograph form or in the local newspapers. A saving of some 75 dollars on printing costs alone could be realized plus the cost of compiling this information from the State system of accounting for this specialized type of presentation.

Our Assessors have completed the year's work as prescribed by the State Statutes on Assessment. Additional work and legal costs were necessary because of a court decision on a tax case which was unfortunately lost by the Town. Attention should be brought to the fact we have lost some 70,000 dollars in valuation in the past year. More of our large estate owners have been taken by death and the outcome of their holdings is, in some cases, questionable.

The Collector-Treasurer, Mr. Ninfi, has again been of great assistance to me and his ten years of municipal experience is a definite asset to the Town.

The Fire Departments are quite well supplied. Additional alarm systems have been set up at Mount Desert, Seal Harbor, and Otter Creek. There should be a minimum of four practice fire drills yearly. Instructional periods should be continued at the monthly fire company meetings. Selected fire company personnel should be sent to firemen's schools held in the area. Fire water holes have been dug in certain areas and others will be completed in

the spring. One fire company has been donated a television set by a patron. Attendance should be excellent there.

The members of the Police Department served long hours every day in order to provide adequate summer coverage. In cases of emergency call your telephone operator and she will contact the duty officer in your area. It would be a good plan to send one or two men to the police training school sponsored by the State Police. Approximately twenty-five traffic and school signs were installed during the year.

Please read carefully the services given our children and adults by the Health Department. Many an ailment or disease is located during the early stages and is corrected in time by such a service.

The Highway Division did not accomplish all of the goals set up for the year. Some projects were delayed because of lack of funds, right of way delays, or the nearness of the approaching winter season. Some of the roads which appeared sound when the roads were looked over in 1951, had become severely broken up by spring in 1952 and had to be incorporated in the program. Our snow removal costs were exceedingly high because of the severe storms of last winter. About 5000 dollars were expended in excess of appropriations for snow removal. This condition made it necessary to curtail elsewhere in the program. A new highway classification program proposed for legislative acceptance by the State Highway Commission would indicate that the Town is likely to receive back many roads, now maintained by the State, for future maintenance by the Town. Careful consideration should be made of this situation and roads assigned a priority for reconstruction and seasonal maintenance.

A few words should be mentioned about our Town Landings. At Northeast Harbor two floats are unsafe and should be replaced together with possible addition of smaller side floats. Our docks are in near continuous use by the fishermen and visiting yachtsmen. At Seal Harbor



it is suggested that a smaller float be utilized during the winter months. Provisions for adequate temporary shelters should be provided at both landings.

Our costs were higher in carrying out our Charity work than in previous years. Care for elderly persons, who were furnished doctor's care, medicine, and nursing home care, accounted for some of the increased expenditures. To those few, it was our intent to make their remaining days as pleasant as was possible. Other individuals present a difficult problem. They either cannot find work, or are unable to hold jobs because of health or poor work habits. During this period of relatively high employment, they should be able to be self sufficient. Some individuals do receive aid, but once they are earning again they repay the amount of help given by the Town. Our out-of-town care, for individuals having settlement here, is too high.

Recent State laws generally granting increased benefits under their programs means that the town's share of the cost will also go up. Some of our State laws are extremely lenient and in some cases would seem to foster illegitimacy, divorce, and wanton neglect by the heads of families. Apparently the day of a family taking care of its own as a unit has been replaced by State and Municipal participation. A complete and thorough study of some of these foregoing problems, as they affect the municipalities, would be well worth some Legislator's time.

Once again attention is brought to our status in the changing economy of the Island. Part time employment continues to plague our people. Each year a few more persons move away and never do all of them return home. On the municipal and state level, we continue to serve others by educating our youth and then making little or no provisions for ample job opportunities for them here at home. Economic surveys indicate our wage scale is low when compared to other areas. Local contractors and builders claim that our average wage earner cannot afford to have a new home built. Yet, one of the first questions industry would ask should it move in tomorrow, is there

adequate housing available? Is it not possible that low cost housing available in other areas can be made available here? There is quite an opportunity for a person or group to set up a housing development in this town and it is a safe bet such housing would be filled as rapidly as it is constructed.

To attract new or small industry we must be willing to spend a great deal more for advertising and publicity than we have up to date. Even participation in the costs of a publicity office and a full time publicity man is not without merit. For those individuals interested in obtaining data or information on our Town, such an office could make instantly available to a client all information he might request. This Town must either create or compete for a new economic life capable of providing a better mode of living for all.

It has been well said that one cannot escape death and taxes. On the latter, a municipality finds itself in direct competition for tax revenue with the State and Federal branches of government. Actually, the municipal tax sources are small when compared with those available to the other taxing agencies. We are unable to keep our operating costs low when there is an across the board increase in materials and labor. Our only way out is to reduce existing services, or to find new tax sources in the form of increased valuations from improvements to existing dwellings, new small homes, or new industry. The appearance of any or all of the foregoing would help the tax burden of all. The mere holding of tracts of land which could be extensively developed when sold should be considered. On such property the tax revenue to the Town may now be small compared to what it would be when the land is developed.

In the case of some of our summer residents who own large estates, their tax burden is claimed to be high for the amount of time they are able to spend here. A very few persons now are able to spend the entire summer season on vacation. Two weeks, three weeks, or even a

month is the average leisure time available for vacations today. Can we not provide suitable private dwellings, for those wishing to build, which would have a yearly tax of from 400 to 600 dollars? Earlier retirement by industry of its executives would make this group a logical prospect for this type of housing within our Town.

The time of decision is at hand. While we still have a little more time to consider, to plan, what we want the future to be is up to us. Set your course and follow it thru.

My relationships with the various State agencies have been both pleasant and informative. Valuable technical advice and assistance has been given by the State Highway Commission on various occasions. Thru better liason between our groups and other municipalities the same amount of work has been accomplished for less money.

To my Townspeople, my thanks for being so kind over the past year. My health hasn't been such that I could work as hard as I would have liked to. We have many problems in this Town which can only be solved by all the villages working together. Please work towards these ends for the good of all.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur H. Curtis.



## AUDITOR'S REPORT

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State of Maine  
STATE DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT  
Augusta

January 28, 1953

Board of Selectmen  
Mount Desert  
Maine

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 16, Section 3, Revised Statutes of 1944, and at your request, the records of the Town of Mount Desert have been audited for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1952

The examination was made by Auditor M. E. Libby in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards that pertain to municipal accounting. Audit analysis was on a basis consistent with that of the preceeding year, and included all procedures which were considered necessary. Insofar as could be ascertained within the scope of the examination, the financial transactions of the Town appear to have been appropriately handled, with such exceptions as may be noted in the accompanying comments.

Exhibits and schedules incorporated in this report present the result of the financial operations of the Town for the period designated. A recommendation is also offered which is believed to be worthy of your consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Very truly yours,

Fred M. Berry

State Auditor

FMB/djt

## C O M M E N T S

### TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT

January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952

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An audit of the books and records of the Town of Mount Desert has been completed for the municipal year ended December 31, 1952. The audit included an examination of the records maintained by the Assessors, Selectmen, Tax Collector, Treasurer and Town Clerk.

The result of the audit indicated that transfers between accounts should be recorded by journal entries rather than to clear through the treasurer's cash account.

The examination consisted of a review of cash transactions and an analysis of revenues and expenditures. The result of the year's operations showed that available funds exceeded expenditures by \$67.68. However, overdrafts were noted more particularly in certain protection accounts, (Exhibit D). Unexpended and overdraft balances are summarized as follows:

Unexpended Balances	\$ 844.28
Overdrafts	776.60
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Net Unexpended Balances	\$ 67.68
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The Department of Attorney General has advised that overdrafts are not permitted by statute except in certain instances where emergencies arise in highway activities and then only to the extent of 15 per cent of the highway appropriation.

A comparative statement of revenues and expenditures (Exhibit B), disclosed that for the 1952 year, revenues decreased by \$11,392.63 as compared with the previous year. Expenditures for the same period decreased \$23,206.06. The factors contributing to these differences



were reviewed with no exceptions noted. Following is a summary of the differences as compared with revenues and expenditures of the preceding year:

#### DECREASED REVENUES

Real, Personal, and Poll Taxes	\$ 9,112.28	
Excise Taxes	140.11	
State of Maine	1,400.89	
Sales and Refunds	1,144.54	
Other Accounts (net)	405.19	
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Net Decrease		\$ 11,392.63
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#### DECREASED EXPENDITURES

Charities	\$ 715.50	
Education	4,810.62	
Special Assessments	31,739.46	
Other Accounts (net)	14,059.52	
Net Decrease		\$ 23,206.06
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At the year end the unappropriated surplus amounted to \$9,526.75 or a decrease of \$41.22. This decrease was occasioned by an adjustment of reserve for losses on tax accounts of \$81.90 less the excess of available funds over expenditures of \$67.68.

From the examination of the town clerk's records, it was ascertained that the transfer of excise tax monies to highway accounts and a transfer of \$4,000.00 from Somesville traffic lights account to sidewalk accounts were authorized by a vote of the townspeople. Also authorized was the payment of \$2,382.56 from the fire loss reserve account for the 1947 fire operations.

The creation of a sinking fund of \$20,000.00 for bond retirement, by a transfer of funds from the 1947 emergency fire fund, was also authorized by a vote of the townspeople. The sinking fund is invested in U. S. Treas-

ury Bonds and the earnings of \$600.00 are invested in certificates of deposit.

The examination of the appropriation accounts disclosed several transfers from one operating account to another, among which were charges to several accounts for the use of a power shovel rented by the town. The payment for the shovel was made from charges to the following accounts:

Beech Hill Road	\$ 1,102.50
General Roads	610.00
Gravel Stockpile (1953)	515.00
Unimproved Roads	312.50
Fire Water Holes	110.00
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Total	\$ 2,650.00
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Also, a clearing account so-called, was established for the purpose of gasoline and oil. Charges to this account were liquidated by credits received from the various operating accounts affected.

It is suggested that all transfers which may be necessary to administer the town's business effectively, should be authorized by a vote of the townspeople.

### SCOPE OF AUDIT

Count of cash was made and records checked to determine the accuracy of recording cash transactions. The system of internal control was reviewed as pertained to handling of cash and other matters of financial concern. Revenues and expenditures were examined by methods and to the extent deemed necessary. Letters of verification were utilized to determine the correctness of tax accounts. Transactions affecting the various funds, held in trust by the town, were reviewed. Insurance policies and bond coverages were examined.

Included in this report are exhibits and schedules

pertaining to the financial status of the town. Audit procedures were followed to the extent deemed necessary in the development of these statements.

It is believed that the accompanying balance sheet and supporting statements fairly present the financial position of the town at December 31, 1952, and the result of its operations for the year then ended.



TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT  
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET[illegible]

## DEBT FUND

*Assets*

Amount Necessary to Retire

Bonds From Future Revenue

Sinking Fund Investments

(Schedule A-4)

\$ 20,600.00

*Total - Debt Fund*

\$ 20,600.00

*Liabilities*

Bonds Payable (Sch. A-5)

Surplus

\$ 20,000.00

600.00

\$ 24,000.00

*Total - Debt Fund*

\$ 20,600.00

## TRUST FUNDS

*Assets*

Time Deposits (Sch. A-6)

Investments (Sch. A-6)

Due From General Fund

\$ 1,100.00

2,000.00

\$ 1,100.00

2,000.00

7.52

*Total - Trust Funds*

\$ 3,107.52

*Liabilities*

Principals (Sch. A-7)

Unexpended Income

\$ 3,100.00

7.52

\$ 3,100.00

*Total - Trust Funds*

\$ 3,107.52

## COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1952

## ASSETS

	Dec. 31 1951	Dec. 31 1952
Cash	\$ 43,348.40	\$ 41,327.22
Petty Cash	50.00	50.00
1952 Taxes	0.00	4,349.80
1951 Taxes	3,562.07	2,064.99
1950 Taxes	173.76	109.72
1949 Taxes	103.52	100.17
1948 Taxes	111.00	107.40
1947 Taxes	88.52	85.57
1946 Taxes	70.17	70.17
1945 Taxes	38.79	38.79
1944 Taxes	37.12	37.12
1943 Taxes	4.75	4.75
1942 Taxes	5.31	5.31
1941 Taxes	6.50	6.50
Sheriff Deeds	7,539.34	7,539.34
Trust Fund:		
Asticou Terraces Trust Cash	2,000.00	2,000.00
Cemetery Trust Cash	1,100.00	1,100.00
Bond Sinking Fund:		
Payment of Bonds Invested Cash	0.00	20,600.00
Accounts Receivable:		
State of Maine, Beech Hill Rd.	0.00	520.80
State of Maine, Ripple Rd. Bridge	334.56	0.00
State of Maine, State Aid Road	2,976.20	0.00
State of Maine, Unimproved Rds.	2,720.85	2,765.20
State of Maine, Poor Relief	460.36	73.85
Town of Bar Harbor, Poor Relief	20.63	0.00
Town of Stockton Springs, Poor Relief	125.95	0.00
Education:		
School Insurance, Non-Lapsed Overdraft	0.00	73.57
School Lunch, Non-Lapsed Overdraft	0.00	390.00
School Office Expense, Non-Lapsed Overdraft	59.48	0.00

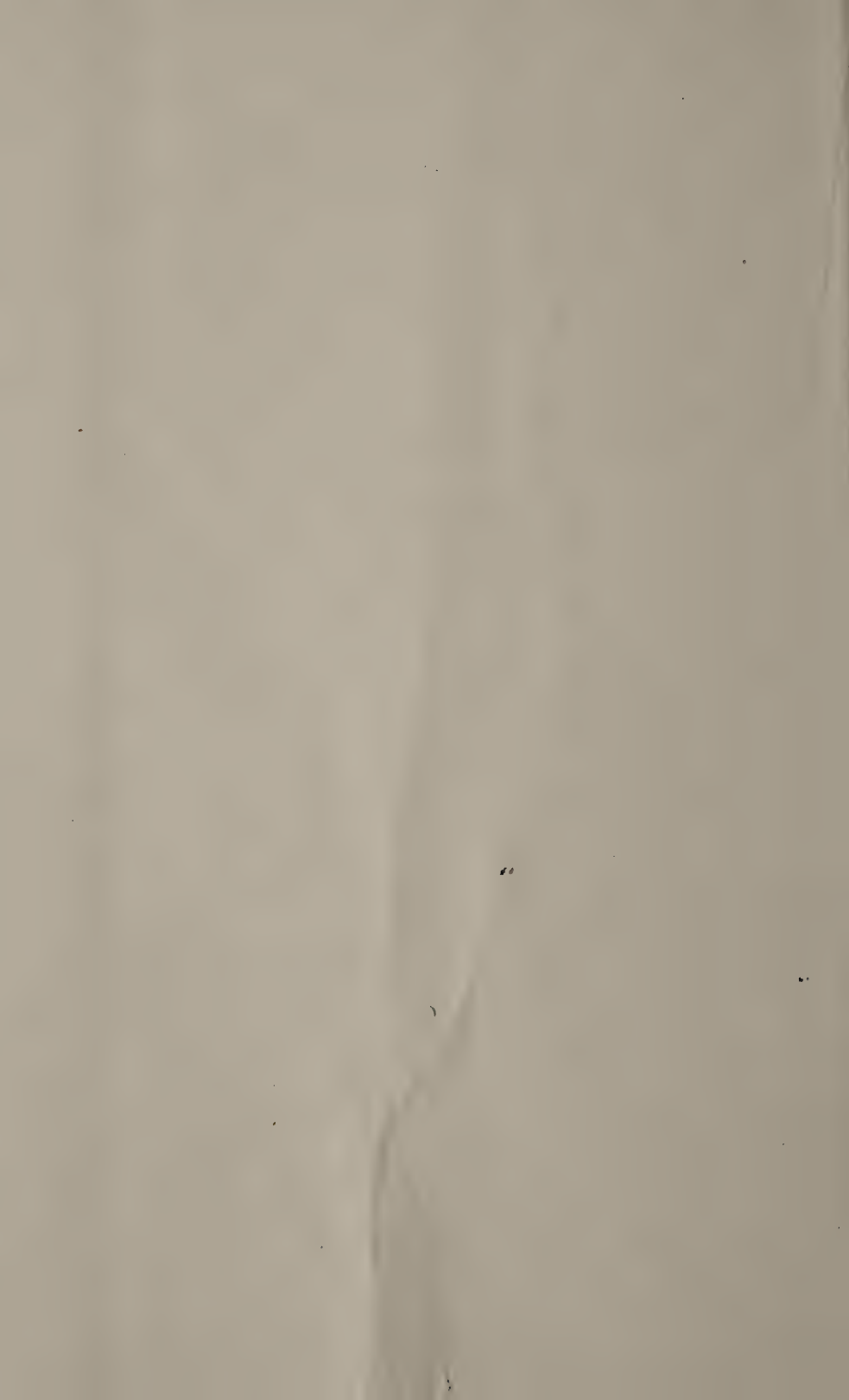


School Repair Account, Non-Lapsed Overdraft	1,616.43	218.92
Unclassified:		
Administration, Non-Lapsed Overdraft	617.73	0.00
Refuse Collection, Non-Lapsed Overdraft	569.51	402.32
Street Lighting, Non-Lapsed Overdraft	402.01	0.00
General Road Fund, Non-Lapsed Overdraft	890.58	0.00
1953 Gravel Stockpile	0.00	1,162.65
High School Parking Area, Non-Lapsed Overdraft	931.63	0.00
Northeast Harbor Landing, Non-Lapsed Overdraft	513.02	0.00
Seal Harbor Landing, Non-Lapsed Overdraft	19.79	0.00
Dane Estate Tax Settlement	0.00	1,020.00
Total Asset	\$ 70,497.98	\$ 86,224.16
Net Town Debt, Dec. 31, 1952	14,466.11	10,476.25
	\$ 84,964.09	\$ 96,700.41

### LIABILITIES

	Dec. 31 1951	Dec. 31 1952
Bonds Payable	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Payment of Bonds Invested Reserve	0.00	20,600.00
Asticou Terraces Trust Reserve	2,000.00	2,000.00
Cemetery Trust Funds Reserve	1,100.00	1,100.00
1953 Excise Taxes	0.00	1,638.86
1952 Excise Taxes	1,805.76	0.00
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	227.32	309.22
Unexpended Balances:		
Aid to Dependent Children	1,382.26	2,302.77
Aid to Veterans	514.00	1,593.00
Administration	0.00	631.65
Beech Hill Road	1,768.00	0.00
Cemetery Trust Fund Income Acct.	7.52	0.00
Compensation	149.53	1,196.26

Emergency Fire, 1947	26,986.60	0.00
Fire Chiefs' Expenses	142.41	142.41
Fire Hose Fund	0.00	650.00
Fire Labor Fund	1,001.83	980.06
Fire Water Holes	0.00	1,144.58
Firemen's Insurance	76.75	76.80
Fleet Insurance	109.53	0.00
General Road Fund	0.00	3,298.27
Gilpatrick Lane Layout	6.50	0.00
Harbor Project	1,130.12	6,130.12
Harborside Road	5,000.00	10,000.00
Health Department	458.65	383.63
High School Parking Area and Grounds	0.00	444.62
Interest	130.48	125.54
Municipal Building Maintenance	0.00	210.27
Northeast Harbor Landing	0.00	229.30
Payment of Bonds	0.00	173.06
Police Department	57.36	381.01
Poor Relief	4,577.86	2,978.14
School Accounts:		
Apparatus and Equipment	1.01	485.63
Athletic Field	86.70	85.34
General School Fund	4,273.55	7,643.75
New School Bus Fund	0.00	4,000.00
School Insurance	707.94	0.00
Sea Street Parking Area	27.64	0.00
Seal Harbor Landing	0.00	180.06
Sewers and Pumping Station Maint.	3,000.29	3,617.80
Somesville Dam	171.68	171.68
Somesville Sidewalk	0.00	1,796.58
Somesville Traffic Lights	4,000.00	0.00
Somesville Water Holes	62.90	0.00
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	\$ 84,964.09	\$ 96,700.41









## STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS

DECEMBER 31, 1952

	Balance 1/1/52	Appro- priations	Cash Receipts	Other Credits	Total Available	Cash Disbursements	Other Charges	Transfers	BALANCES LAPSED Overdrafts Unexpended	Balances Forward
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>										
Administration	\$ *617.73	\$ 8,618.00	\$	\$	\$ 8,000.27	\$ 8,313.17	\$	\$ *944.55	\$	\$ 631.65
Finance and Accounts		5,690.00			5,690.00	5,913.55		*223.55		
Elections and Registrations		650.00			650.00	627.80		22.20		
Contingent		400.00	1,670.34		2,070.34	924.44		1,145.90		
Municipal Building Maintenance		2,462.00			2,462.00	2,251.73				210.27
	*\$ 617.73	\$ 17,820.00	\$ 1,670.34		\$ 18,872.61	\$ 18,030.69		\$ 0.00		\$ 841.92
<b>PROTECTION:</b>										
Firemen's Blanket Insurance	76.65	199.00			275.65	198.85				76.80
Police Department	57.36	4,480.00			4,537.36	4,156.35				381.01
Street Lighting	*402.01	4,902.00			4,499.99	4,939.78			439.79	
Fire Chiefs' Expenses	142.41				142.41					142.41
Northeast Harbor Fire Dept.		6,640.00	63.05		6,703.05	6,824.56		155.43	276.94	
Otter Creek Fire Dept.		497.00			497.00	584.47		*87.47		
Seal Harbor Fire Dept.		1,220.00			1,220.00	1,177.24		42.76		
Somesville Fire Dept.		1,211.00			1,211.00	1,255.92		*44.92		
Fire Hose Fund		500.00	150.00		650.00					650.00
Fire Labor Fund	1,000.83				1,000.83	21.77				980.06
Somesville Water Holes	62.90				62.90			62.90		
Fire Water Holes		1,638.00			1,638.00	446.32		47.10		1,144.58
Somesville Dam	171.68				171.68					171.68
	\$ 1,110.82	\$ 21,287.00	\$ 213.05		\$ 22,610.87	\$ 19,605.26		\$ 175.80	\$ 716.73	\$ 3,546.54
<b>HEALTH AND SANITATION:</b>										
Refuse	*569.51	13,655.00	2.00		13,087.49	13,040.34		449.47		*402.32
Health Department	458.65	1,042.00	10.45		1,511.10	1,127.47				383.63
Pumping Station and Sewers	3,000.29	1,800.00	70.00		4,870.29	1,223.36		29.13		3,617.80
	\$ 2,889.43	\$ 16,497.00	\$ 82.45		\$ 19,468.88	\$ 15,391.17		\$ 478.60		\$ 3,599.11
<b>HIGHWAYS:</b>										
General Road Fund	*890.58	46,690.00	4,494.59		50,294.01	48,680.32		*1,684.58		3,298.27
Gas, Oil, Etc.			181.25		181.25	6,034.45		*5,853.20		
1953 Gravel Stockpile						647.65		515.00		*1,162.65
Gravel Stockpile						791.90		*791.90		
Beech Hill Road	1,768.00				1,768.00			*929.77		*520.80
Harborside Road Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00			10,000.00	3,218.57				10,000.00
New Shovel Purchase			10.00		10.00	2,662.56		*2,650.00	2.56	
Ripple Road Bridge	*334.56		334.56		0.00					
Somesville Traffic Lights	4,000.00				4,000.00			4,000.00		
Somesville Sidewalk						2,203.42		*4,000.00		1,796.58
State Aid Road	*44.20	2,000.00	2,932.00		4,887.80	4,584.12		303.68		
Sea Street Parking	27.64				27.64					
Unimproved Roads				2,765.20	2,765.20	3,124.66	493.20	*852.66		27.64
	\$ 9,526.30	\$ 53,690.00	\$ 7,952.40	\$ 2,765.20	\$ 73,933.90	\$ 71,947.65	\$ 493.20	*\$ 11,943.43	\$ 2.56	\$ 27.64
										\$ 13,411.40
<b>CHARITIES:</b>										
Poor Relief	4,577.86	922.00	184.98		5,684.84	2,644.20		62.50		2,978.14
State Poor			207.58	73.85	281.43	281.43				
Aid to Dependent Children	1,382.26	2,618.00			4,000.26	1,684.99		12.50		2,302.77
Aid to Veterans	514.00	986.00	160.81		1,660.81	42.81		25.00		1,593.00
	\$ 6,474.12	\$ 4,526.00	\$ 553.37	\$ 73.85	\$ 11,627.34	\$ 4,653.43		\$ 100.00		\$ 6,873.91
<b>EDUCATION:</b>										
Common and Secondary Schools	1,273.55	91,315.00	15,864.13		108,452.68	98,517.23		2,291.70		7,643.75
New School Bus Fund	3,000.00				3,000.00			*1,000.00		4,000.00
School Office Expense	*59.48	200.00			140.52	140.52				
Apparatus and Equipment	1.01	1,400.00	369.21		1,770.22	1,284.59				485.63
School Repair Account	*1,616.43	3,000.00	135.00		1,518.57	1,737.49				*218.92
Supt's. Salary and Expense		2,200.00			2,200.00	2,200.00				
School Insurance	707.94	1,950.00			2,657.94	2,731.51				*73.57
School Lunch Program		1,000.00			1,000.00	1,390.00				*390.00
School Band Fund		500.00			500.00	500.00				
Kindergartens		550.00			550.00	550.00				
Athletic Field	86.70	200.00			286.70	198.96				85.34
High School Parking Area	*931.63	4,000.00			3,068.37	2,381.75		242.00		444.62
School District		24,200.00			24,200.00	24,200.00				
	\$ 2,461.66	\$130,515.00	\$ 16,368.34		\$149,345.00	\$135,832.05		\$ 1,536.10		\$ 11,976.85
<b>LIBRARY:</b>										
Aid to Libraries		1,800.00	126.00		1,926.00	1,926.00				
<b>INTEREST:</b>										
General	130.48	480.00			610.48	702.77		*217.33		125.54
On Taxes			217.83		217.83			217.33		
	\$ 130.48	\$ 480.00	\$ 217.83		\$ 828.31	\$ 702.77		\$ 0.00		\$ 125.54
<b>MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS:</b>										
Payment of Bonds				4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00				
Sinking Fund Income and Expense			200.00	4.04	204.04	30.98				173.06
			\$ 200.00	\$ 4,004.04	\$ 4,204.04	\$ 4,030.98				\$ 173.06
<b>SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:</b>										
County Tax		10,469.25			10,469.25	10,469.25				
<b>UNCLASSIFIED:</b>										
Overlay		668.31			668.31					668.31
Advertising		3,000.00			3,000.00	3,000.00				
Compensation	149.53	2,300.00			2,449.53	1,253.27				1,196.26
Dane Estate Tax Settlement						1,020.00				*1,020.00
Fleet Insurance	109.53	590.00	61.49		761.02	818.33			57.31	
Harbor Project	1,130.12	5,000.00			6,130.12					6,130.12
Information Bureau		130.00			130.00	130.00				
Memorial Expenses		50.00			50.00	50.00				
Northeast Harbor Town Landing	*513.02	1,763.00			1,249.98	1,006.80		13.38		229.30
Seal Harbor Town Landing	*19.79	720.00			700.21	520.15				180.06
Seal Harbor Village Green		1,000.00			1,000.00	910.11		89.89		
Gilpatrick Lane Layout	6.50				6.50					6.50
Lien Costs			29.70		29.70	29.70				
Employees Retirement Fund		2,750.00	2,102.76		4,852.76	4,852.76				141.83
Supplemental Taxes				141.83	141.83					
Excise Taxes				9,549.16	9,549.16			9,549.16		
	\$ 862.87	\$ 17,971.31	\$ 2,193.95	\$ 9,690.99	\$ 30,719.12	\$ 13,591.12		\$ 9,652.93	\$ 57.31	\$ 816.64
										\$ 6,715.74
<b>Excess of Available Funds Over Expenditures</b>										
									67.68	
	\$ 22,837.95	\$275,055.56	\$ 29,577.73	\$ 16,534.08	\$344,005.32	\$296,180.37	\$ 493.02	\$ 0.00	\$ 844.28	\$ 844.28
										\$ 47,264.07

\*Denotes Red Figure





# SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS DROPPED

December 31, 1952

	Overdrafts	Unexpended
Street Lighting	\$ 439.79	\$
Fire Departments	276.94	
New Shovel	2.56	
Fleet Insurance	57.31	
Supplementary Taxes		145.91
Sea Street Parking		27.64
Gilpatrick Lane Layout		6.50
Overlay		668.31
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	\$ 776.60	\$ 848.36
Unexpended to Net Town Debt	71.76	
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	\$ 848.36	\$ 848.36
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## PROOF OF CHANGE IN NET DEBT

Net Debt, December 31, 1951		\$ 14,466.11
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes		81.90
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		\$ 14,548.01
Less:		
Bonds Paid	\$ 4,000.00	
Unexpended Summary Balance	71.76	4,071.76
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<i>Net Town Debt, December 31, 1952</i>		<i>\$ 10,476.25</i>
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## REPORT OF TREASURER

December 31, 1952

Cash on Hand, December 31, 1951 \$ 43,348.40

*Taxes:*

Bank Stock Tax	\$ 1,514.12
Contingent, Mis. Receipts	23.35
Dog Tax Refund	25.32
Excise Taxes, 1952	7,743.40
Excise Taxes, 1953	1,638.86
Property and Poll, Current Year	270,705.76
Property and Poll, Prior Years	1,571.02
Railroad and Telephone Tax	29.05
Supplementary Taxes	145.91

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\$283,396.79*Education:*

Library Books	\$ 126.00
Manual Training Sales	211.70
Rentals, School Gym	50.00
Sales, Refunds, Etc.	761.26
Special Subsidy	1,459.88
State School Fund	13,523.00
Tuition	362.50

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\$ 16,494.34*Protection:*

Ambulance, Tel. Calls, Etc.	\$ 53.60
Extinguishers Refills	7.00
Insurance Refund	61.49
Fire Hose Sales	150.00
Misc. Tel. Calls	2.45

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\$ 274.54*Health and Sanitation:*

Refuse, Garbage Contract	\$ 2.00
Health Dept., Medicine Refund	10.45
Sewers, Equipment Use	70.00

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\$ 82.45*Charities:*

Other Towns	\$ 146.58
Poor Relief	184.98
State Poor	667.94



Veterans, Aid to	160.81	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,160.31
<i>Highways:</i>		
Gas, Oil, Etc.	\$ 181.25	
Insurance Refund	135.00	
Misc. Receipts	9.63	
Sale of Equipment	110.00	
Sale of Materials	283.02	
Snow Removal	3,709.64	
State Aid Road, 1951 Reimb.	5,864.00	
Unimproved Roads, 1951 Reimb.	2,562.21	
Use of Equipment	257.30	
	<hr/>	\$ 13,112.05
<i>Interest:</i>		
On Asticou Terraces	\$ 50.00	
Bond Sinking Fund	200.00	
Cemetery Trust Funds	16.54	
On Taxes	217.83	
		\$ 484.37
<i>Municipal Indebtedness:</i>		
Temporary Loans		\$ 20,000.00
<i>Unclassified:</i>		
Cancelled Check, Emergency Fire	\$ 61.50	
Employees Retirement Fund	2,102.76	
Lien Cost, Etc.	29.70	
Teachers' Retirement Fund	3,081.37	
Victualers Licences	17.00	
Withholding Taxes	11,959.98	
	<hr/>	\$ 17,252.31
Total Receipts		\$352,257.16
Cash on Hand, December 31, 1951		43,348.40
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Total Available		\$395,605.56
Total Warrants Paid		354,278.34
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Cash on Hand, December 31, 1952		\$ 41,327.22
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The tax commitment for 1952 amounted to \$275,055.56, which was a reduction of \$9,112.28 compared to the 1951 commitment. Total tax collections amounted to \$270,705.76, comprising 98.4% of the Commitment.

Revenue in the amount of \$9,549.16 was collected from 1,020 Excise Taxes. This revenue was transferred to the General Road Fund as voted at the Annual Town Meeting.

\$4,000.00 was paid to the National Shawmut Bank of Boston for Bonds Payable leaving a balance of \$20,000.00. This balance is self liquidating due to the bond sinking fund.

The Net Town Debt decreased from \$14,466.11 to \$10,476.25.

The balance of the 1947 Emergency Fire Fund amounting to \$20,600.00 was invested as follows. \$20,000.00 in United States Treasury Bonds bearing interest at 2% and maturing; \$4,000.00 in 1953, \$4,000.00 in 1954 and \$12,000.00 in 1955. The remaining \$600.00 was invested in Certificates of Deposits bearing interest at the rate of 1 1/2% and maturing yearly. The Bonds and Certificates of Deposit will be reinvested as they mature except for \$4,000.00 each year which will be used to meet the bonded indebtedness obligations.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Carlo A. Ninfi,  
*Treasurer and Collector.*

## SUMMARY OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES

December 31, 1952

Year	Uncollected Dec. 31, 1951	Commitment 1952 %	Credits 1952	Uncollected Dec. 31, 1952
1952	\$ 0.00	\$275,055.56	\$270,705.76	\$ 4,349.80
1951	3,562.07		1,497.08	2,064.99
1950	173.76		64.04	109.72
1949	103.52		3.35	100.17
1948	111.00		3.60	107.40
1947	88.52		2.95	85.57
1946	70.17		0.00	70.17
1945	38.79		0.00	38.79
1944	37.12		0.00	37.12
1943	4.75		0.00	4.75
1942	5.31		0.00	5.31
1941	6.50		0.00	6.50
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	\$ 4,201.51	\$275,055.56	\$272,276.78	\$ 6,980.29

## PROOF OF SUMMARY

Commitment	\$275,055.56
Uncollected, December 31, 1951	4,201.51
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	\$279,257.07
Less Tax Credit, 1952	\$272,276.78
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Uncollected, December 31, 1952	\$ 6,980.29
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## UNCOLLECTED TAXES JANUARY 1, 1953

	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943	1942
Baltzell, Jean P. T.	137.36	139.40									
Bickford, Arlington	3.34										
Bracy, Carl M.	18.42										
Bracy Merle L.	3.35										
*Carter, Errol	3.00										
Carter, Heirs of Andrew J.	9.82										
Carter, Seth	8.70										
Cochran, John	18.76										
Cooksey, Charlton Dows	206.03										
Crenda DeLongh, Mary D. H. N.	274.37										
Cross, Anne	1.34										
Damon, Clifton	3.00										
Damon, Llewellyn	84.09										
Davis, Heirs of Alvira J.	2.68	2.72	2.72	2.68	2.83	2.36	2.44	1.83	1.80	1.52	1.70
Davis, Margaret E., Sherman Jr., Florentine, Edwin D. & Audrey M.	5.63	2.72									
Davis, Robert	3.34	3.34									
Davis, Sherman A.	5.03										
Dows, David	68.68										
Dows, Deborah	206.03										
Dunham, Carroll 4th	91.46										
Dunham, Dows	68.68										
Dunham, Peter	91.46										
Emery, Heirs of Alice G.	5.70	5.78	5.78	5.70	6.12	5.02	5.19	4.00	3.83	3.23	3.61

\*Paid since books closed Dec. 31, 1952





	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943	1942
McFarland, Edward F. & Edward Jr.	3.35										
*McGarr, Beatrice	9.38										
McGarr, Elmer	75.70	33.79									
*McGarr, Elmer & Beatrice	2.35										
McKay, Adrian		3.00									
*Mikhalapov, George S.	132.33										
Murphy, Maurice E.	3.00										
Pagasolgli, Pizzotti Margaret A. C.	136.69										
Patton, C. W.	36.85										
Poors, Bryant L.	3.34										
Reynolds, Shirley	3.34										
Riche, Heirs of Josephine E.	20.10	20.40	20.40	20.10	21.60	17.70	13.30				
Richardson, Edgar	3.00										
Richardson, Wallace	3.00										
Robinson, Ira J.	3.34										
Robinson, Ira S.	3.00										
Robinson, June B.	24.46										
Robinson, June D.	3.35										
*Paid since books closed Dec. 31, 1952											
Robinson, Robert E.	3.00										
Rogers, Angela Dunham	91.46										
Sargent, Heirs of Walter	1.34		1.36								
Savage, Heirs of H. Mardell	45.23	45.90	45.90	45.23	43.60	39.33	41.13	31.73	30.37		
Sennett, Nelson	3.00										
*Paid since books closed Dec. 31, 1952											

	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943	1942
*Smith, Maurice E.	3.34										
*Stanley, Burnham	19.10										
Stimson, Frederick B. & Amelia W.	288.10										
Thomas, Clara F.	513.89										
Tripp, Walter F.	11.72										
Thyberg, Margaret Dows	206.03										
Wakefield, Annie M.		3.40									
Waldmann, Leo Trude	10.72										
Wallace, Alice M.	9.38										
Walls, Austin	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00						
Walls, Fred J. & Ethel	47.09										
Walls, Greeley Jr.	23.44										
Walls, Milton	47.22										
Walls, Norman	3.00										
Walls, Samuel	3.00	3.00									
Watson, Cuyler Tripp and Kenneth E. Tripp	7.04										
Watson, Winfield	17.43										
Wescott, Herman L.	10.12										
Wieland, Edith M.	68.01										
Wood, Clyde	3.34										
Wood, James W.	6.03										
*Young, Ida	2.68										
	\$4,349.80	2064.99	109.72	100.17	107.40	85.57	70.17	38.79	37.12	4.75	5.31

\*Paid since books closed, Dec. 31, 1952

## ASSESSORS' REPORT

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Joseph W. Small, Chairman  
 Pearl Bordeaux                      Richard A. Smith

Expenditures:    \$2,794.20

Employees:  
 Part Time    3

In this division the tax rolls and assessments are kept up to date through contacts, an annual house to house canvass, Registry of Deeds, the Town Records and the annual declaration of personal lists.

As required by State Law, the annual house to house canvass started on April 2 and was finished on April 16.

The Tax Roll was committed to the Tax Collector on May 12, 1952.

The records in our office are open at all times and citizens are invited to come in and study our assessing methods.

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### Valuation April 1, 1952

Value of Buildings, Resident	\$ 548,400.00
Value of Buildings, Non-Resident	1,730,270.00
Value of Land, Resident	362,780.00
Value of Land, Non-Resident	1,126,645.00
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Total Value Real Estate	\$3,768,095.00
Value of Personal Estate, Resident	\$ 80,615.00
Value of Personal Estate, Non-Resident	229,975.00
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Total Personal Estate	\$310,590.00
Total Valuation April 1, 1952	\$4,078,685.00
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1952 Tax Commitment:	
Appropriations	\$239,718.00
School District, Assessed	24,200.00



County Tax, Assessed	10,469.25	
Overlay, Assessed	668.31	
	<hr/>	\$275,055.56
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Decrease in Valuation	\$ 72,945.00	
Number of Polls—593		
Tax Rate—\$67.00 per \$1,000.00		
Town Debt Limit Under State Law	\$203,934.25	
Town Bonded Debt, December 31, 1952	\$ 20,000.00	

## ADMINISTRATION

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*Paid:**Selectmen's Services and Expenses:*

Grant, George R.	\$ 241.60
Jordan, John E.	217.28
Ober, Ernest C.	200.00

\$ 658.88

*Assessors' Services:*

Bordeaux, Pearl S.	\$ 778.50
Small, Joseph W.	846.00
Smith, Richard A.	198.00

\$ 1,822.50

*Assessors' Expenses:*

Bar Harbor Times Pub. Co.	\$ 7.50
Bordeaux, Pearl	122.03
Burr, Maurice H.	12.00
Hancock County Registry of Deeds	50.00
Hurley, Charles J.	261.65
Jowdry, Margaret	98.00
Knowles, Jerome, Jr.	50.00
Marks Printing House	229.55
Murrell, Maurice J.	0.65
New Eng. Tel. and Tel. Co.	57.10
Sherman's Book and Stat.	1.25
Small, Joseph W.	78.72
Smith, Richard A.	3.25

\$ 971.70

*Town Manager:*

Curtis, Arthur H.	\$ 4,500.00
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*Legal Expenses:*

Hurley, Charles J.	\$ 138.11
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*Town Clerk and Expenses:*

Holmes, L. Lawrie	\$ 221.98
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## FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

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*Treasurer, Collector and Accountant:*

Ninfi, Carlo A.	\$ 3,500.00
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*Printing:*

Bar Harbor Times Pub. Co.	\$ 584.00
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Brown's Studio	10.43	
Modern Photo Engravers	8.00	
Thayer's Photo-Shop	2.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 604.93
<i>Bonds:</i>		
Knowles Company		\$ 125.00
<i>Audit:</i>		
State Treasurer		\$ 176.35
<i>Office Expense:</i>		
Bain's	\$ 2.20	
Bar Harbor Times Pub. Co.	34.25	
Bucklin, H. E.	1.47	
Burr, Maurice H.	2.60	
Burroughs Adding Machine Co.	38.27	
Cameron, Joan	1.75	
Dietzgen, Eugene Co.	23.89	
Dillingham's	3.27	
Haynes' Express	0.50	
Hibbard, Nancy	4.03	
Holmes, William S., Postmaster	261.30	
Jowdry, Margaret	11.00	
Kelley, Carl E.	106.00	
Kinney Duplicator Co.	1.25	
Lakin's Express	0.65	
Loring Short and Harmon	1.50	
Maine, University of	2.80	
Marks Printing House	58.00	
McGaven, Francis	3.50	
Merrifield, C. D. Co.	47.16	
Mount Desert High School	5.10	
Murrell, Maurice J.	8.83	
New England Tel. and Tel. Co.	422.62	
Sherman's Book and Stationery	7.50	
Smith, Charles	3.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,052.44
<i>Abatements:</i>		
Tax Collector		\$ 396.14
<i>Sealer of Weights and Measures:</i>		
Gurley, W. and L. E.	\$ 6.69	
Iveney, Frederick J.	52.00	
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## CONTINGENT

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### *Miscellaneous Expense:*

American City Magazine	\$ 4.00
Bar Harbor Times Pub. Co.	13.50
Bracy, Lewis	5.00
Cameron, Dwight Dr.	5.00
Carr, Sherwood	5.00
Carter, Calvin	48.00
Coffin, E. L. Dr.	5.00
Curtis, Arthur H.	95.30
First National Bank of Bar Harbor	4.07
Fleet Owner	2.00
Forest Hill Society	9.00
Hancock County Publishing Co.	84.84
Hancock County Registry of Deeds	1.53
Haynes' Express	5.00
Holmes, L. Elrie Co.	32.00
Knowles Company	193.50
Long Island Plantation	1.12
Lunt, Lenora	6.72
Maine Municipal Association	45.00
Maine State Retirement System	171.81
Management Information	20.00
Manchester, Russell	14.00
McGaven, Francis	4.00
Mount Desert Island Hospital	5.50
Ninfi, Carlo	7.70
Orcutt, Fred	7.50
Ralph, I. E. Est.	11.77
Robbins, Sidney	12.50
Sherman's Book and Stationery	2.00
Smallidge, C. M.	1.50
State Treasurer	24.68
Thayer's Photo Shop	50.43
Towers, Fred L. Companies	12.80
Tracy, S. R. Estate	5.67
U. S. Auto and Truck Guide	7.00
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	\$ 924.44

## ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

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### *Presidential Election:*

Ballot Clerks	\$ 146.00
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General Expense	7.13	
		\$ 153.13
<i>Primary Election:</i>		
Ballot Clerks	\$ 146.00	
General Expense	20.15	
		\$ 166.15
<i>State Election:</i>		
Ballot Clerks	\$ 140.00	
General Expense	20.77	
		\$ 160.77
<i>Town Meeting:</i>		
Ballot Clerks	48.00	
General Expense	99.75	
		\$ 147.75
		\$ 15,778.96
Non-Lapsed Overdraft, Dec. 31, 1951		617.73
Unexpended, December 31, 1952		631.65
		\$ 17,028.34
Appropriation	\$ 15,358.00	
Received:		
-Bank Stock Tax	1,514.12	
-Cancelled Check	61.50	
Dog License Refunds	25.32	
Misc. Receipts	23.35	
Railroad and Telephone Tax	29.05	
Victualers' Licenses	17.00	
		\$ 17,028.34

### MUNICIPAL BUILDING

<i>Fuel:</i>		
Branscom Coal and Wood Co.	\$	545.30
<i>Insurance:</i>		
Knowles Company	\$	112.00
<i>Lights and Power:</i>		
Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.	\$	169.57
<i>New Heating System:</i>		
Wallace, C. E.	\$	975.00

*Repairs:*

Bracy, Lewis	\$ 3.00
Brown, F. T. Co.	12.17
Bucklin, H. E.	26.68
Driscoll, Frederick	3.00
Manchester, Russell	0.50
Sears, Roebuck and Co.	126.72
Tracy, S. R. Estate	3.51
Wallace, C. E.	78.54

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\$ 254.12

*Supplies:*

Bragg, N. H. and Sons	\$ 3.23
Brown, F. T. and Co.	3.62
Bucklin, H. E.	53.10
Murrell, Maurice J.	2.54
Ober, O. M. Co.	56.42
Stanley, W. A.	4.00
West Disinfecting Co.	72.83

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\$ 195.74

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\$ 2,251.73

Unexpended, December 31, 1952

210.27

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\$ 2,462.00

Appropriation

\$ 2,462.00

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### STREET LIGHTING

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Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.	\$ 4,939.78
Non-Lapsed Overdraft, Dec. 31, 1952	402.01

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\$ 5,341.79

Appropriation	\$ 4,902.00
Overdrawn, Dec. 31, 1952	439.79

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\$ 5,341.79

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## POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Expenditures: \$4,156.35

Employees:  
Part Time 5

Three villages are furnished police protection during a nine week summer season. In Seal Harbor and Northeast Harbor night and day police protection is provided. At Mount Desert, a policeman is on duty during the day only.

An alert policeman is an asset to any community. On one occasion one of our policemen rescued a small baby from the middle of a heavily traveled road. The baby had eluded the person assigned to tend her.

Our policemen work long hours of good service in giving information, directions, and advice to the many motorists who travel our myriad of roads.

Some men do primarily traffic duty assisting in keeping traffic moving during peak periods such as mail time or during social functions.

During the tour of duty of others, a nightly check of business establishments is made. It is frequently found that the owner has neglected to lock his door.

Thru co-operation with the State, County, and local agencies, some of the burglary mentioned in previous years has been curbed. Some of our ordinances which are presently on the books are antequated and have been superseded by subsequent State legislation.

Continuing again this year is the complaint against those who exceed established speed limits on our highways. Although our State Patrolman is now able to spend additional time in our area, he cannot completely eliminate this condition. A radio equipped patrol car would help in this fight.

It is planned to have one or more of our policemen attend the State Police Training School held at Orono.

Many traffic signs were installed during the past year and more will be placed next year if funds are provided.

Duty of Officers	\$ 3,467.00
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*General Expense:*

Bartlett, O. C.	\$ 11.44
Gillett, C. R. E.	50.00
Grant, Harry	71.00
Holmes, L. Elrie Co.	165.00
Hurley, Charles J.	15.55
Mount Desert Cleaners	1.00
Murrell, Maurice J.	2.15
New Eng. Tel. and Tel. Co.	2.00

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\$ 318.14

*Traffic Signs:*

Bracy, Lewis	\$ 6.50
Brown, F. T. Co.	0.90
Bucklin, H. E.	39.52
Carr, Sherwood	2.00
Cousins, Elmer	16.32
Eastern Metal Inc.	32.05
Gott, Milton	2.00
Gray, Albert	6.50
Hunt Company	63.29
Kimball, Fred	6.00
Lakins' Express	1.10
Leonard, William	2.00
Manchester, Russell	41.00
Miro-Flet Co., Inc.	34.71
Mount Desert Cleaners	1.75
Shurtleff, W. H. Co.	26.50
Soule Glass and Paint Co.	13.52
Tracy, Eugene	2.00
Tracy, S. R. Estate	73.55

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\$ 371.21

Unexpended, December 31, 1952

\$ 4,156.35

381.01

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\$ 4,537.36



Appropriation	\$ 4,480.00	
Balance, 1951	57.36	
		<u>\$ 4,537.36</u>

### SUMMARY FIRE DEPARTMENTS

#### Receipts

Appropriation	\$ 9,568.00	
Ambulance Telephone Calls, Materials	53.60	
Refills for Extinguishers, Etc.	7.00	
Misc. Receipts	2.45	
		<u>\$ 9,631.05</u>
Overdrawn, Dec. 31, 1952		\$ 276.94
		<u>\$ 9,907.99</u>

#### \*Expenditures

Northeast Harbor Fire Department	\$ 6,874.85	
Otter Creek Fire Department	584.47	
Seal Harbor Fire Department	1,192.75	
Somesville Fire Department	1,255.92	
		<u>\$ 9,907.99</u>

\*Itemized Accounts of these Expenditures follow:

## NORTHEAST HARBOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Lawrence E. Flye, Chief

Expenditure: \$6,874.85

Employees:  
 Full Time 2  
 Part Time 1  
 Call Men 35

Thirteen fire calls were answered during the year under the following classification:

- 2 Building fires
- 1 Car fire
- 5 Chimney fires
- 3 Grass fires
- 2 Wood fires

The Northeast Harbor Fire Company entered its fourteenth year of ambulance service to this and to the nearby communities. This service which is offered without charge to all local and summer residents of the Town of Mount Desert to or from any point in Maine. Members of the Fire Company, many of whom are skilled first-aid operators, give freely of their time to serve as ambulance drivers or attendants.

Our new Henney Packard ambulance has traveled over 45,261 miles and has made 323 trips to date.

In the 1952 year, the ambulance made 109 trips, covering a distance of 14,057 miles. Ninety-nine trips were made in Maine, six in Massachusetts, two to New York, and two to Pennsylvania.

The company held one practice drill during the year. Nine fire company meetings were held during the year and instruction in equipment use was carried out.

Most of the company members are also members of the Hancock County Firemen's Association. One member has attended the instructional school sponsored by the State Forest Fire Service.

*Engine Drivers:*

Taylor, Carlton A.	\$ 2,700.00
Taylor, Kenneth M.	2,700.00

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\$ 5,400.00
*Fire Chief:*

Flye, Lawrence E.	\$ 41.67
Stanley, Woodbury A.	8.33

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\$ 50.00
*Fire Labor:*

Northeast Harbor Fire Co.	\$ 150.00
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*Firemen's Fund:*

Northeast Harbor Fire Co.	\$ 200.00
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*New Equipment:*

Eastern Fire Protection Co.	\$ 138.40
Fire Protection Company	103.85

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\$ 242.25
*Supplies and Maintenance:*

Bragg, N. H. and Sons	\$ 82.51
Bucklin, H. E.	1.19
Cousins, Elmer H.	2.72
Eastern Fire Equipment	53.58
Fyr-Fyter Co.	55.00
Gorham Fire Equipment	47.12
Horn, A. C. Co.	40.69
Lakin's Express	5.30
Manchester, Russell	3.00
Ronnie' Lunch	3.94
Stanley, W. A.	9.55
Sunset Garage	38.63
Victor Chemical Co.	34.20
Walls Garage	109.98

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\$ 487.41
*Telephone, Lights and Power:*

Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.	\$ 76.00
New Eng. Tel and Tel. Co.	218.90

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\$ 294.90

Transfer to Gas and Oil Account

\$ 50.29

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\$ 6,874.85

## OTTER CREEK FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Donald G. Smith, Chief

Expenditures: \$584.47

Employees:  
Part Time 2  
Call Men

The 1952 year passed with this department answering 9 chimney fires and one small dwelling fire.

Some of the work on the interior of the fire house is nearly complete. Many improvements have been suggested for the finishing of the interior and these are presently under consideration.

The purchase of some new fire equipment has been under consideration by the department members. A list of this equipment has been forwarded for presentation to the Warrant Committee.

In the spring, work on the proposed water holes will commence. Thus adding much needed fire protection to certain unprotected areas in the Town.

Good attendance to fire meetings means that the department can provide trained fire-fighters when the emergency warrants it.

*Engine Driver:*

Holmes, Bernard	\$	50.00
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*Fire Chief:*

Smith, Donald G.	\$	50.00
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*Firemen's Fund:*

Otter Creek Fire Co.	\$	50.00
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*Fire Labor:*

Otter Creek Fire Co.	\$	50.00
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*Rent of Building:*

Otter Creek Fire Co.	\$	125.00
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*Supplies and Maintenance:*

Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.	\$	16.31
Bean and Conquest, Inc.		15.00



Bragg, N. H. and Sons	49.87
Eastern Fire and Equipment	11.00
Manchester Brothers	0.50
Murrell, Maurice J.	12.50
Oulton, A. W.	13.20
Stanley, W. A.	92.37
Wallace, C. E.	48.72

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\$ 259.47

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\$ 584.47

SEAL HARBOR FIRE COMPANY

Marvin L. Bryant, Chief

Expenditures:	\$1,192.75	Employees:
		Part Time 3
		Call Men 30

In the past year of 1952, the Seal Harbor Fire Company answered all calls for chimney, brush and grass fires.

Our new equipment for the year consisted of hose nozzles and brass Indian pumps, the latter being purchased to combat the forest fire danger of the past dry summer season.

A new inside flight of stairs was reconstructed to better facilitate entrance to the basement during the winter time.

The fire company has four or five fire drills during the year. Additional classes are held for the purpose of instruction. Fire equipment can furnish little protection if the members of the department are not familiar with all phases of its operation. We believe our company is well versed in the proper use of our equipment and of accepted fire fighting techniques.

It should be noted that most of our company personnel are working on a volunteer basis and they have responded faithfully to all calls. This devotion to duty is a sincere effort on the part of the fire company to furnish proper protection to all within our village.

<i>Engine Drivers:</i>		
DeRevere, Robert E.	\$	50.00
Walton, Paul		50.00
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	\$	100.00
<i>Fire Chief:</i>		
Bryant, Marvin L.	\$	100.00

*Fire Labor:*

Seal Harbor Fire Co.	\$	125.00
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*Firemen's Fund:*

Seal Harbor Fire Co.	\$	125.00
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*Fuel:*

Branscom Coal and Wood Co.	\$	169.05
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*New Equipment:*

Fyr-Fyter Company	\$	105.00
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*Building Repairs:*

Smallidge, C. M.	\$	226.60
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*Supplies and Maintenance:*

American La-France Co.	\$	31.72
Bragg, N. H. and Sons		21.13
Cousins, Elmer		1.36
Eastern Fire and Equipment Co.		7.39
Fire Protection Co.		6.50
Smallidge, C. M.		11.99
Stanley, W. A.		17.70
Walls' Garage		19.35

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	\$	117.14
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*Telephone, Lights and Power:*

Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.	\$	28.85
New Eng. Tel. and Tel. Co.		80.60

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Transfer to Gas and Oil Account

	\$	109.45
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	\$	15.51
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	\$	1,192.75
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## SOMESVILLE FIRE COMPANY

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Chauncey D. Somes, Chief

Expenditures: \$1,255.92

Employees:

Part Time 2

Call Men 24

The fire company answered seven calls for the 1952 year. The calls were as follows:

2 Car fires — no damage

4 Brush fires

1 Out of town call

During the past year members of the fire company have painted, redecorated, and installed a new floor in our recreation room. The new five horse power siren was placed on a tower some ten feet over the roof of the fire house. The volume and range of this alarm make it a vast improvement over the old warning system.

The company has had four fire drills in the year and during many meetings instructional periods were carried on.

The annual clam and fish chowder dinner was very well attended and we wish to thank all who supported or attended for their fine patronage.

Plans are underway to make our fire company as efficient as possible in order to provide better protection for our property and our people.

*Fire Chief:*

Somes, John W.	\$	50.00
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*Fire Labor:*

Somesville Fire Company	\$	100.00
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*Firemen's Fund:*

Somesville Fire Company	\$	75.00
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*New Equipment:*

Eastern Fire Protection	\$	127.47
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Fire Protection Co.	80.72	
		\$ 208.19
<i>New Siren:</i>		
Stanley, W. A.		\$ 552.00
<i>Rent of Building:</i>		
Somesville Fire Company		\$ 125.00
<i>Supplies and Maintenance:</i>		
Bragg, N. H. and Sons	\$ 4.92	
Holmes, L. Elrie Co.	11.50	
New Eng. Tel. and Tel. Co.	52.80	
Somes Service Station	51.34	
Stanley, W. A.	25.17	
		\$ 145.73
		\$ 1,255.92

### FIRE WATER HOLES

Labor Charges		\$ 271.19
<i>Equipment and Materials:</i>		
Billings and Hamblen	\$ 14.00	
Hamor, Leslie	43.13	
Musetti, Joseph	8.00	
Sargent, Raymond F.	110.00	
		\$ 175.13
		\$ 446.32
Transfer to New Shovel for Use of Equipment		110.00
		\$ 556.32
Unexpended, Dec. 31, 1952		\$ 1,144.58
		\$ 1,700.90
Appropriation	\$ 1,638.00	
Transfer from Somesville Water Holes Account	62.90	
		\$ 1,700.90



### 1947 EMERGENCY FIRE REFUND

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Labor Charges	\$ 2,283.75	
Materials, Etc.	98.81	
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		\$ 2,382.56
Unexpended to Payment of Bonds Fund		\$ 24,604.04
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		\$ 26,986.60
Balance, 1951		\$ 26,986.60
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### FIREMEN'S INSURANCE

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Lyman, Fred C. and Co.	\$ 198.85	
Unexpended, Dec. 31, 1952	76.80	
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		\$ 275.65
Appropriation	\$ 199.00	
Balance, 1951	76.65	
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		\$ 275.65
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### FIRE LABOR FUND

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Fire Labor	\$ 21.77	
Unexpended, Dec. 31, 1952	980.06	
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		\$ 1,001.83
Balance, 1951		\$ 1,001.83
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## REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

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Francis M. McGaven, Foreman

Expenditures: \$14,149.21

Employees:

Full Time: 2

Part Time: 7

Our municipal collection service operates throughout the year. During the summer months collection pickups are made daily in some cases while others are cleaned up twice or three times a week.

Systematic collection and disposal of refuse and garbage brings about better sanitary conditions and a lessening of fire hazards.

Two men handle collections from September until June. Then, with the opening of the summer season, additional trucks and men are put into service.

This year many of the summer homes were opened early and remained open until late in the season. This necessitated a revision of the approved schedule in order to provide coverage.

Because of the dry summer season extra time was required on the disposal area to burn grass near the incinerator. A bulldozer was hired for one day to level off the top of the dump to provide a better entrance.

In order to assist the collectors, please notify the town office when you arrive for the season and want regular collections started. If you are leaving and wish to discontinue service, please notify the collector of the last day you want him to call even if it is after you have departed.

A schedule of collection routes will be posted twice a year.

## (REFUSE COLLECTION)

*General Expense:*

Bangor Roofing & Sheet Metal Co.	\$ 9.00
Bar Harbor Times Pub. Co.	25.00
Bean and Conquest, Inc.	113.28
Bragg, N. H. and Sons	110.40
Bucklin, H. E.	24.57
Gould Equipment Co.	31.97
Fernald, A. C. Sons	1.42
Haynes' Garage	38.55
Higgins, A. V.	3.71
Lakin's Express	4.85
Manchester Bros.	91.19
Morrison Chev.	40.36
Murrell, Maurice J.	1.29
Noyes, C. E. Co.	40.88
Ober, O. M. Co.	2.75
Soule Glass and Paint Co.	8.51
Sunset Garage	16.87
Tracy, S. R. Eet.	10.00

	\$ 574.60
Transfer to Gas and Oil Account	\$ 539.36
Truck Drivers and Labor Hire	\$ 9,077.05
New Truck Purchase	\$ 2,133.00

## (REFUSE DISPOSAL)

*General Expense:*

Brown, F. T. Co.	\$ 8.50
Gatchell, John	20.00
MacQuinn, Harold	100.00
Ober, O. M. Co.	9.35
Wallace, C. E.	1.03

Labor Hire	\$ 138.88
	\$ 1,116.81

Non-Lapsed Overdraft, Dec. 31, 1952	\$ 13,579.70
	\$ 569.51

Appropriation	\$ 13,655.00
Received: (Refuse Contract)	2.00
	\$ 14,149.21

Transfer from Seal Harbor Village Green  
Account

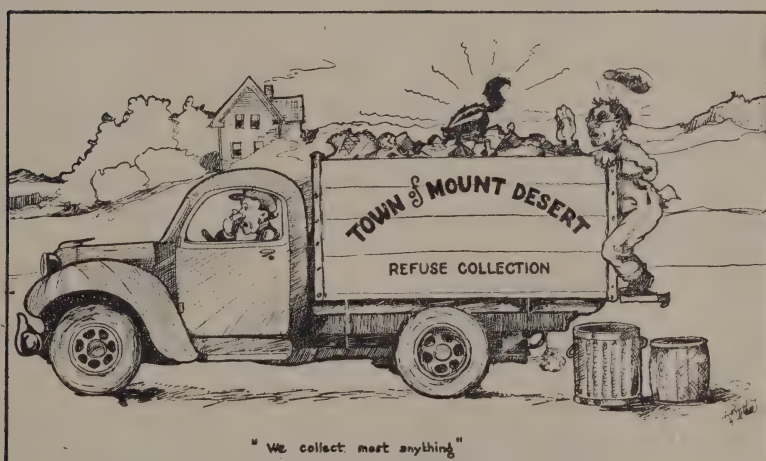
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\$ 13,746.89

Overdrawn, Dec. 31, 1952

402.32

\$ 14,149.21



## SEWERS AND PUMPING STATION MAINTENANCE

*General Expense:*

Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.	\$ 253.36
Brown, F. T. Co.	75.10
Burr, Maurice H.	3.50
Jordan, Everett G.	0.30
McDermott, J. F. Co.	118.62
Ober, O. M. Co.	0.40
Shea Brothers	18.00
Sunset Garage	2.99
Wallace, C. E.	2.03

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\$ 474.30

Labor Hire 749.06

Transfer to Gas, Oil Account 29.13

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\$ 1,252.49

Unexpended, December 31, 1952 3,617.80

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\$ 4,870.29

Appropriation \$ 1,800.00

Balance, 1951 3,000.29

Received: (Use of Equipment) 70.00

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\$ 4,870.29



## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Frederick J. Iveney

Lucy A. Barker

Expenditure: \$1,127.00

Employees:

Part Time 2

This year, chicken pox and measles were top on the list of contagious diseases.

All contagious diseases should be reported immediately to the health officer by both the family and attending physician.

Milk sold for local consumption has been inspected by state authorities as prescribed by law.

During the year, four tests were made of drinking water to determine its fitness for human consumption. Two of these tests were made for grades at Otter Creek and Somesville.

### PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE REPORT

Lucy A. Barker, R. N.

Public Health Nurse

The program of work for this year has not varied much from that of other years. Visits totalling 1232 have been made to give nursing care and for health supervision.

A regular schedule has been observed in visiting the different communities. During that day, each week, the schools were visited, teachers were interviewed, and messages from parents or others were received.

As on the previous year, health examinations were done in the Fourth, Eighth, and Twelfth Grades. Those High and Junior High pupils who participated in Athletics also were examined. Dr. Dwight Cameron and Dr. Ernest L. Coffin were the physicians.

In the spring, a Pre-school Clinic was held for the

children entering school in the Fall. We feel that this is most important, as they may need some defects corrected before school opens. Parents who desire to take their children to their family physician are encouraged to do so.

During April, 65 children took advantage of the first Annual program of sodium fluoride applications for partial prevention of dental decay, offered by the Public Health Nursing Association and carried out by a dental hygienist from the Division of Dental Health, State Department of Health and Welfare. These treatments, if given at the recommended ages of 3, 7, 10 and 13 years, can be expected to make the child's teeth nearly twice as resistant to decay. Although comparatively new, this method of preventing decay is fast becoming an accepted part of many community services.

The nurse assisted the Home Economics Department in teaching Home Nursing to eight Sophomore girls. Later, after completing the Red Cross Course for Home Nursing Instructors, a class of young mothers were also instructed in home nursing.

These classes are valuable for home makers, as improvised equipment is demonstrated. Every family has illness at some time, and the proper care not only benefits the patient, but saves the strength of the member of the family who gives it. When enough persons are interested, a class will be formed.

Children and adults from our villages have been seen at many clinics - these include, Chest X-Ray, Tumor, Pediatric, Crippled Children's, Cardiac, and Speech Clinics.

I would like to close with the following quotation, "That Community is good which makes possible a more abundant life in its broadest interpretation."

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

*General Expense:*

American Cyanamid Co.	\$ 24.84
Cameron, Dwight, Dr.	24.50
Iveney, Frederick J., Health Officer	68.43
Murrell, Maurice J.	3.00
State Treasurer	6.70

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\$ 127.47
*Health Nurse:*

Mount Desert Public Nursing Association	1,000.00
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\$ 1,127.47

Unexpended, Dec. 31, 1952

383.63

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\$ 1,511.10

Appropriation	\$ 1,042.00
Balance, 1951	458.65
Refund	10.45

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\$ 1,511.10

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## HIGHWAY DIVISION

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Sherwood Carr, Winter Foreman  
John Hopkins, Summer Foreman

Expenditures: \$61,379.43

Employees:  
Full Time 5

Our winter foreman, Mr. Carr and his crew did a fine job in coping with one of the most severe winters this section has had in the past few seasons.

The Town was fortunate in being able to secure the services of John Hopkins this summer to aid us in carrying out our construction and tarring program. His past experience and know-how made working with and for him a pleasure. It is hoped that he will return with us next season.

During the winter our plowing equipment received severe use. One truck had a motor, transmission and rear end replaced. Another truck had the frame bent while plowing. In the summer, prior to the tarring program, our 1938 shovel broke down and the estimated cost of repairs was so high we rented another shovel for the season and traded our old shovel in on the rental costs.

Our 1926 6-ton roller had engine trouble and this was tied up a good part of the tarring season. A new engine was placed in this roller.

One of our 3-ton trucks should be replaced this year with the same size or possibly a slightly larger unit. Certain equipment needed for snow removal will be requested in the Highway Budget.

### Capital Improvements:

The Highway Division constructed about 2500 feet of roads during the 1952 season. On the Beech Hill Road some four and one half feet of ledge was cut from the crest of a hill to provide better sight distance.

It was necessary to blast ledge on the Upland Road and install two culverts to provide better drainage. Adequate base materials were utilized and the road bed was elevated. Additional work will be needed to finish this road for 1953.

Special Resolve funds were used to base 800 feet of the Ripple Road. With the addition of top material and tar, this section will be completed.

The construction needed to complete the four-tenths of a mile of State Aid Road at Pretty Marsh was accomplished. The surface was tarred and the whole section turned over to the State for future maintenance.

Three thousand feet of sidewalks were built during the year at Otter Creek, Rockend Road and Neighborhood Road. The granite curbing was cut for the proposed Mt. Desert sidewalk construction. This project was delayed because the removal of utility poles took place in the middle of the winter.

Work on the partially finished High School Parking Area was continued and when completed some 1600 square yards of additional parking area was made available. The surface of this new construction should have a light seal coat of asphalt next year.

#### Highway Care and Maintenance:

The winter was hard on the roads. Slippery driving conditions meant extra sanding of roads. It was necessary to give our roads extensive sweeping as well as cold patching, and ditching to get them ready for tarring. About 250 cubic yards of cold patch was mixed and applied throughout the villages.

Approximately 30,000 gallons of asphalt were used during the year. The following sections were partially tarred: Jordan Pond Road, Dunbar Roads, Joy Road, Maple Land and Manchester Roads. Complete tarring was carried out on the Dodge Point Road, Rock End Road, Neighborhood Road, Bickford Hill Road, Lookout Way



Road, 3rd Class Road by Somes Pond in Mount Desert, and the Allen Smith Road at Pretty Marsh. The new construction at Beech Hill was tarred.

#### Drainage:

Fourteen new culverts were installed in the villages during the year. A partially completed survey of culverts in the villages reveals a high replacement need. A normal amount of time was spent on keeping leaves from clogging catch basins and cleaning sumps.

#### Snow and Ice Removal:

Eleven hundred cubic yards of sand was hauled and mixed with a freight car load of salt for use during the winter. Approximately 4900 feet of snow fence was repaired and put in place before winter. Additional sand barrels complete with stands were placed in areas known to be hazardous during the winter season.

During the month of January a total of 2560 man hours were needed to remove ice and snow. The peak week was January 5, when approximately 1175 hours were expended to keep abreast of the snowfall.

On February 18th, our second large coastal storm of the year fell upon us. In this northeaster, about 36" of continuous snowfall over a five-day period all but isolated the island and the coastal sections. Our plows and crews worked night and day. The diesel grader, equipped with a V plow, plowed 24 hours a day for about five days in order to keep abreast of the continued snowfall. During this one week, over 1800 hours were expended in plowing and sanding.

#### Buildings Maintenance:

Long awaited repairs were made to the Town Garage. The stockroom was enlarged, about one-half of the interior painted, and new plans for washing and toilet facilities incorporated. A 1000 gallon gas tank was in-

stalled and a new gas pump hooked up. A spare tank was converted to diesel oil storage and provision made for pumping this fuel.

At Seal Harbor repairs were made on the Storage Shed. Two doors were taken down and one large door rehung. New sills and studding were installed on the front of the building. The broken windows were replaced with a plastic screening to make the building weather tight. In Northeast Harbor at the crusher pit, a lean-to building on the side of the salt shed was in the state of collapse. This was torn down and a new larger building replaced it. The Walter Sno-Fighter Truck is stored in the new building.

#### Sewers:

Additional time was needed to repair our temporary sewers for the summer season. On our permanent sewer lines, carelessness on the part of a few persons has necessitated additional servicing. For example, some individuals pour grease or fat into the sewerage system causing plugging of the lines after sufficient grease accumulates. In other areas, pipe breakage, stoppage by foreign articles, and low water flow has run up our costs. A systematic cleaning of the sewers helps us maintain our present system which someday will have to be replaced at great cost to the Town.

### ROAD FUND

#### SUMMARY

##### *Receipts:*

Appropriations	\$ 46,690.00
Excise Taxes	9,549.16
Insurance Refund	135.00
Misc. Receipts	9.63
Sale of Equipment	110.00
Sale of Materials	283.02
Snow Removal, State Reimburse.	3,709.64

## Transfers:

Charities, Fuel	100.00
High School Parking Area	242.00
State Aid Road	303.68

Use of Equipment	247.30
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\$ 61,379.43

## \*Expenditures:

Culverts	\$ 1,026.89
Cutting Bushes	511.81
General Repairs of Roads	17,830.14
New Equipment	981.25
Sidewalks	3,067.41
Snow Removal	18,989.24
Tar Treatment	5,170.73
Town Garage	1,102.85

## Transfers:

Beech Hill Road	2,032.27
Gas, Oil, Etc.	3,874.75
Gravel Stockpile, Used for Tar Treatment	791.90
Schools	36.18
Unimproved Roads	1,165.16
Use of New Shovel	610.00

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\$ 57,190.58

Non-Lapsed Overdraft, Dec. 31, 1952

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890.58

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\$ 58,081.16

Unexpended, December, 31, 1952

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3,298.27

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\$ 61,379.43

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CULVERTS

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Labor Hire
\$ 323.62

## Materials, Etc.:

Bancroft and Martin Rolling Mills	\$ 464.02
Higgins, A. V.	0.40
New England Metal Culvert Co.	238.85

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\$ 703.27

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\$ 1,026.89

# CUTTING BUSHES

Labor Hire	\$	476.81
Equipment Hire		35.00
	\$	511.81

# GENERAL REPAIRS OF ROADS

Labor Hire	\$	10,128.56
Equipment Hire		26.50
<i>Materials, Etc.:</i>		
Allen, A. P.	\$	4.80
Bancroft and Martin Rolling Mills		44.42
Bangor Auto Body Shop		7.10
Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.		63.43
Bar Harbor Times Pub. Co.		24.25
Barrett Division		476.10
Bean and Conquest Inc.		94.40
Benson, Peter T.		16.43
Bicknell, Mfg. Co.		130.39
Billings and Hamblen		29.00
Bragg, N. H. and Son		702.71
Branscom Coal and Wood		11.93
Brown, F. T. Co.		1.67
Bucklin, H. E.		65.57
Dietzgen, Eugene		3.16
Dunham-Hanson Co.		54.52
Dunnett, Inc.		3.90
Files and O'Keefe Co.		206.68
Gould Equipment Co.		81.62
Hamor, Leslie		31.12
Harper, O. E., Express		7.41
Haynes and Chalmers Co.		99.62
Haynes Express		12.60
Higgins, A. V.		17.12
Int. Harvester Co.		15.12
Kebo Garage		31.02
Knowles Company		276.79
Lakin's Express		58.86
Lane Construction Co.		105.76
Lord, Phillips H.		300.00
MacQuinn, Harold		462.70
Manchester Bros.		360.82

Merrifield, C. D.	2.35
Musetti, Joseph	237.00
Murrell, Maurice J.	1.25
New England Metal Culvert Co.	11.35
New Eng. Tel. and Tel. Co.	75.90
Noyes, C. E. Co.	283.11
Ober, O. M. Co.	27.37
Perfection Spring Co.	4.07
Railway Express Co.	0.50
Richardson, E. T.	7.95
Shurtleff, W. H. Co.	9.30
Socony-Vacuum Oil Co.	3.86
Somes Service Station	9.38
Southworth Machine Co.	246.30
Stanley, W. A.	3.25
State Treasurer	35.30
Strout Ford Sales	9.30
Sunset Garage	21.74
Tracy, S. R. Estate	15.25
University Store Co.	2.80
Wallace, C. E.	14.34
Walls' Garage	949.37
Walls, J. C.	2.90
Wescott, H. F. Co.	64.25
Zerrien, E. C.	52.60

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\$ 5,891.81

*Repairs:*

Atwood Motor Co.	\$ 2.48
Autocraft Upholstery Co.	47.50
Bangor Roofing and Sheet Metal Co.	3.00
Bar Harbor Sales Co.	36.43
Bean and Conquet, Inc.	53.30
Bicknell Mfg. Co.	56.21
Bragg, N. H. and Sons	409.14
Brake Service Inc.	124.07
Dysart, E. R. Co.	46.91
Hancock County Pub. Co.	12.79
Haynes' Garage	191.79
Huber Mfg. Co.	36.19
Int. Harvester Co.	92.51
Jordan, Cecile V.	2.50
Kebo Garage	4.17
Lakin's Express	12.93
Morang-Robinson Auto Co.	1.00



Portland Tractor Co.	115.40
Railway Express Agency	4.99
Smith's	14.64
Southworth's Machine Co.	49.21
Strout Ford Sales	20.10
Sunset Garage	17.44
Tracy, S. R. Estate	19.48

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\$ 1,379.23

*Old Shovel Materials and Repairs:*

Bragg, N. H. and Sons	\$ 55.05
Bucklin, H. E.	0.78
Byers Machine Co.	158.50
Cousins, Elmer	38.08
Hedge and Mattheis Co.	10.51
Int. Harvester Co.	4.62
Lakin's Express	3.40
Murray, William	91.12
Northeast Airlines	2.06
Railway Express Agency	19.04
Smith's	8.00
Sunset Garage	0.68
Thorsen Corporation	12.20

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\$ 404.04

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\$ 17,830.14

NEW EQUIPMENT

*Bragg, N. H. and Sons For:*

Atlas Floor Jack	\$ 149.35
New Tools	339.33
Walker Jacks	54.98

*Clyde Everett Equipment Co. For:*

Model 4 U. Sander	236.59
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*Files and O'Keefe Co. For:*

Flame Pots	16.00
Snow Plow Lift	135.00

*Ford, Eleanor Clay For:*

Road Maintainer	50.00
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\$ 981.25

## SIDEWALKS

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Labor Hire		\$ 1,160.19
<i>Equipment and Truck Hire:</i>		
Burr, Maurice H.		176.00
<i>Materials, Etc.:</i>		
Bucklin, H. E.	\$	27.14
Hamor, Leslie		109.50
Lane Construction Co.		414.74
MacQuinn, Harold		1,122.63
Wallace, C. E.		54.71
Tracy, S. R. Estate		2.50
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		\$ 1,731.22
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		\$ 3,067.41

## SNOW

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Labor Hire		\$ 11,757.30
<i>Equipment and Trucks:</i>		
Billings and Hamblen	\$	21.00
Brown's Garage		8.00
Burr, Maurice H.		96.00
Clement, Pearl		48.00
Haynes, Roger		63.00
Musetti, Ronald		34.00
Price, Arthur		126.00
Robinson, Clifford		46.00
Sargent, Raymond		32.00
Smith, Donald G.		16.00
Smith, Lawrence M.		6.50
Swan, Shannon		122.00
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		\$ 623.50
<i>Materials, Etc.:</i>		
Allen, A. P.	\$	77.84
Bar Harbor Times Pub. Co.		8.00
Bragg, N. H. and Sons		1,873.58
Branscom Coal and Wood		8.27
Brown, F. T. Co.		4.67
Brown's Garage		5.00
Bucklin, H. E.		16.39

Conners, Chev. Co.	0.78
Dysart, E. R. Inc.	7.20
Fairfield, Howard P.	871.85
Fernald, A. C. Sons	25.64
Files and O'Keefe Co.	141.00
Gould Equipment Co.	49.92
Hackett Machine Co.	101.92
Hamblen, John E.	4.75
Haynes' Express	14.30
Higgins, A. V.	6.73
Int. Harvester	2.45
Jose Bros.	6.00
Lakin's Express	56.60
Maine Central Railroad	400.00
Manchester Bros.	282.38
Murray Machine Co.	70.57
New Eng. Tel. and Tel. Co.	34.10
Northeast Harbor Motor Co.	5.46
Noyes, C. E.	68.98
Ober, Ernest	14.34
Ober, O. M. Co.	10.28
Oulton, A. W.	13.43
Seeley, Hubert	2.50
Shurtleff, W. H. Co.	510.00
Somes Service Station	45.30
State Treasurer	31.01
Stinchfield, Eleanor	2.00
Sunset Garage	6.50
Thut's Express	0.70
Wallace, C. E.	3.48
Walls' Garage	1.80
Walls, J. C.	17.88
Zerrien, E. C.	210.90

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\$ 5,014.50

*Repairs:*

Bangor Roofing and Sheet Metal Co.	70.10
Bar Harbor Motor Sales	80.39
Battery Service and Elec. Co.	4.25
Bean and Conquest Inc.	181.13
Bragg, N. H. and Sons	104.95
Brake Service	75.00
Burch Corporation	89.82
Conners Chev. Co.	66.54
Dysart, Inc.	69.31

Hackett Machine	4.75	
Haynes Garage	38.70	
Int. Harvester	153.30	
Kebo Garage	58.17	
Lakin's Express	14.00	
Morang-Robinson Auto Co.	5.75	
Morrison Chevrolet	357.47	
Murray Machine Co.	10.00	
Portland Tractor Co.	72.48	
Railway Express Agency	12.26	
Smith's	10.18	
Soule Glass and Paint Co.	17.16	
Southworth Machine Co.	75.59	
Sunset Garage	22.64	
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		\$ 1,593.94
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		\$ 18,989.24

#### TAR TREATMENT

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Labor Hire		\$ 1,046.01
<i>Equipment and Trucks:</i>		
Clement, Pearl	\$ 84.16	
Deering, Russell	94.68	
Gray, Ronald	12.32	
MacQuinn, Harold	276.25	
Sargent, Raymond	714.00	
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		\$ 1,181.41
<i>Materials, Etc.:</i>		
Bucklin, H. E.	\$ 4.02	
Burch Corporation	22.72	
MacQuinn, Harold	2,840.37	
Sunset Garage	0.20	
Zerrien, E. C.	76.00	
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		\$ 2,943.31
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		\$ 5,170.73

#### TOWN GARAGE

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<i>General Expense and Repairs:</i>	
Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.	\$ 73.72

Bragg, N. H. and Sons	3.43
Bucklin, H. E.	4.87
Lakin's Express	0.65
Manchester Bros.	4.00
New Eng. Tel. and Tel. Co.	38.00
Preston, Nathan	4.00
Stanley, W. A.	3.44
Tracy, S. R. Est.	17.74
Wallace, C. E.	3.50

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\$ 153.35

*New Gas Tank and Pump Installation:*

Burr, Maurice H.	\$ 71.25
Davis, Florentine	15.50
Fortier Elec. Co.	2.90
Haynes' Express	2.00
Lakin's Express	1.80
Manchester, Russell	44.00
Socony-Vacuum Oil Co.	170.00
Wallace, C. E.	7.14

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\$ 314.59

*New Lighting Installation Contract:*

Stanley, W. A.	\$ 298.15
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*Painting:*

Carr, Sherwood	\$ 27.42
Lakin's Express	0.65
Leonard, William	43.00
Manchester, Russell	158.50
Sears, Roebuck and Co.	20.19
Soule Glass and Paint Co.	87.00

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\$ 336.76

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\$ 1,102.85

### SOMESVILLE SIDEWALK

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Labor Hire	\$ 46.00
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*Materials, Etc.:*

Drinkwater's Foundry	\$ 27.52
Higgins, A. V.	0.25
Lakin's Express	2.65



Musetti, Joseph	2,127.00	
		\$ 2,157.42
		\$ 2,203.42
Unexpended, Dec. 31, 1952		1,796.58
		\$ 4,000.00
Balance transferred from Somesville Traffic Lights		\$ 4,000.00

### NEW SHOVEL RENTAL

#### *Materials, Etc.:*

Bracy, Lewis	\$ 3.00	
Bragg, N. H. and Sons	19.62	
Brake, Service	13.10	
Carr, Sherwood	13.45	
Cousins, Elmer	10.88	
Driscoll, Frederick	8.00	
Hedge and Mattheis Co.	137.55	
Hinckley, Henry R. Co.	1.95	
Hopkins, John	1.25	
Lakin's Express	11.15	
Leen, Stanley J. Co.	13.34	
Manchester, Russell	3.00	
Manset Marine Supply Co.	0.58	
Murray, William	18.00	
Railway Express	0.75	
Southwest Boat Corporation	4.45	
Sunset Garage	2.49	
		\$ 262.56

#### *Rental Payments:*

Hedge and Mattheis Co.	\$ 2,400.00
	\$ 2,662.56

#### *Received:*

Rental	\$ 10.00
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#### *Transfers for Rental:*

Beech Hill Road	\$ 1,102.50
Fire Water Holes	110.00
General Road Repairs	610.00
Gravel Stockpile	515.00

Unimproved Roads	312.50	
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	\$ 2,660.00	
To Summary Account	2.56	
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		\$ 2,662.56
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### STATE AID ROAD

(Pretty Marsh Road)

Labor Hire		\$ 2,501.69
<i>Equipment and Trucks:</i>		
Billings and Hamblen	\$ 301.80	
Clement, Pearl	84.16	
Dearing, Russell	31.56	
Gray, Ronald W.	32.34	
Sargent, Raymond F.	450.38	
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		\$ 900.24
<i>Materials, Etc.:</i>		
Bancroft and Martin Rolling Mills	\$ 79.79	
Bicknell Mfg. Co.	12.03	
Billings and Hamblen	73.67	
Fernald, A. C. Sons	12.45	
Gray, George	89.40	
Gray, Hamilton	15.00	
Higgins, A. V.	2.18	
Hurley, Charles J.	35.00	
Lanpher, M. M.	5.56	
MacQuinn, Harold	55.90	
Manchester Bros.	96.91	
Parkadia	26.49	
Seavey, A. L.	40.87	
State of Maine Treasurer	623.44	
Wescott, H. F. Co.	13.50	
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		\$ 1,182.19
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Non-Lapsed Overdraft, Dec. 31, 1951		\$ 4,584.12
Transfer for Use of Equipment		2,976.20
		303.68
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		\$ 7,864.00

Appropriation	\$ 2,000.00	
Received: State of Maine	5,864.00	
		<u>\$ 7,864.00</u>

### BEECH HILL ROAD

Labor Hire		\$ 2,251.70
<i>Equipment and Trucks:</i>		
Billings and Hamblen		\$ 145.00
<i>Materials:</i>		
Barrett Division	\$ 224.85	
Beal, H. R.	2.00	
Benson, Peter T.	88.95	
Bicknell Mfg. Co.	36.06	
Billings and Hamblen	52.60	
Bragg, N. H. and Sons	6.40	
Chilles, George	13.37	
Fernald, A. C. Sons	24.51	
Gott, Milton	75.85	
Grindle, E. R.	13.50	
Hedge and Mattheis	30.42	
Higgins, A. V.	3.07	
Kebo Garage	13.99	
Lanpher, M. M.	5.57	
MacQuinn, Harold	85.50	
Richardson, E. T.	42.61	
Wescott, H. F. Hdw. Co.	102.62	
		<u>\$ 821.87</u>
		\$ 3,218.57
Transfer For Use of Equipment		1,102.50
		<u>\$ 4,321.07</u>
Balance, 1951	\$ 1,768.00	
Transfer from General Road Fund	2,032.27	
		<u>\$ 3,800.27</u>
Due from State of Maine	520.80	
		<u>\$ 4,321.07</u>

## UNIMPROVED ROADS

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### OAK HILL CROSSROAD

Labor Hire	\$	131.25
<i>Materials, Etc.:</i>		
Bancroft & Martin Rolling Mills Co.	\$	17.25
New Eng. Tel. and Tel. Co.		136.67
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	\$	153.92

### RIPPLE ROAD

Labor Hire	\$	628.38
<i>Equipment and Trucks:</i>		
Billings and Hamblen	\$	360.84
<i>Materials, Etc.:</i>		
Bancroft & Martin Rolling Mills Co.	\$	161.10
Billings and Hamblen		98.39
Richardson, E. T.		15.43
Wescott, H. F. Co.		7.13
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	\$	282.05

### UPLAND ROAD

Labor Hire	\$	1,097.25
<i>Equipment and Trucks:</i>		
Billings and Hamblen	\$	80.20
<i>Materials, Etc.:</i>		
Bancroft & Martin Rolling Mills Co.	\$	47.86
Bucklin, H. E.		2.60
Hamor, Leslie		208.24
Harper, O. E., Express		2.48
Kebo Garage		14.92
Lanpher, M. M.		5.94
Rockefeller, John D. Jr.		66.45
Walls' Garage		14.65
Wescott, H. F. Co.		27.63
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	\$	390.77
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	\$	3,124.66
Transfer for Use of Equipment		312.50
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	\$	3,437.16

Non-Lapsed Overdraft, Dec. 31, 1951		2,720.85
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	\$	2,720.85
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	\$	6,158.01
Received: State of Maine	\$	2,227.65
Transfer to General Account		1,165.16
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	\$	3,392.81
Due from State of Maine		2,765.20
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	\$	6,158.01
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## HIGH SCHOOL PARKING AREA AND GROUNDS

Labor Hire		\$	688.04
<i>Equipment and Trucks:</i>			
Burr, Maurice H.		\$	134.00
<i>Materials, Etc.:</i>			
Hamor, Leslie	\$	556.61	
MacQuinn, Harold		990.20	
Zerrien, E. C.		12.90	
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	\$	1,559.71	
Transfer for Use of Equipment		242.00	
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	\$	2,633.75	
Non-Lapsed Overdraft, Dec. 31, 1951		931.63	
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	\$	3,555.38	
Unexpended, Dec. 31, 1952		444.62	
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	\$	4,000.00	
Appropriation	\$	4,000.00	
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## CHARITIES REPORT

### Overseers of the Poor

### The Selectmen

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Expenditures: \$4,472.00

The expenditures were higher this year than in previous years because of increased medical care and nursing home costs.

While employment remains fairly high, a few individuals have continued to request relief because of family needs. If these individuals would make a sincere effort to work plus the giving of a good days work to the employer for monies received, there would be little cause for supplementation by the Town.

Increased aid by the State has helped our charity problems within the community. In ADC, our costs are mounting proportionally to the budget granted.

In the interests of economy, wise purchasing, careful preparation, and planning of low cost high calorie food menus can help stretch the family dollar and provide an adequate diet for all.

### POOR RELIEF

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#### *Assistance Furnished To:*

Recipient No. 1	\$ 183.75
Recipient No. 2	172.26
Recipient No. 3	113.27
Recipient No. 4	467.16
Recipient No. 5	337.87
Recipient No. 6	229.70
Recipient No. 7	21.05
Recipient No. 8	572.70
Recipient No. 9	14.74
Recipient No. 10	417.00
Recipient No. 11	30.50



Misc. Expense	84.20	
		\$ 2,644.20
Transfer to Genral Fund for Fuel		62.50
		\$ 2,706.70
Unexpended, Dec. 31, 1952		2,978.14
		\$ 5,684.84
Appropriation	\$ 922.00	
Balance, 1951	4,577.86	
Received for Assistance Furnished	184.98	
		\$ 5,684.84

### AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

#### *Assistance, Furnished To:*

Recipient No. 1	\$ 155.80	
Recipient No. 2	113.40	
Recipient No. 3	82.62	
Recipient No. 4	658.17	
Recipient No. 5	72.18	
Recipient No. 6	229.68	
Recipient No. 7	87.48	
Recipient No. 8	79.38	
Recipient No. 9	132.84	
Recipient No. 10	73.44	
	\$ 1,684.99	
Transfer to General Road Fund for Fuel	12.50	
	\$ 1,697.49	
Unexpended, Dec. 31, 1952	2,302.77	
		\$ 4,000.26
Appropriation	\$ 2,618.00	
Balance, 1951	1,382.26	
		\$ 4,000.26

## AID TO VETERANS

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### *Assistance Furnished To:*

Veteran No. 2	\$ 31.39	
Veteran No. 3	11.42	
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	\$ 42.81	
Transfer to General Road Fund for Fuel	25.00	
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		\$ 67.81
Unexpended, Dec. 31, 1952		\$1,593.00
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		\$ 1,660.81
Appropriation	\$ 986.00	
Balance, 1951	514.00	
Received for Assistance Granted	160.81	
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		\$ 1,660.81
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## STATE POOR

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Assistance Furnished, 1952	\$ 281.43	
Balance of Assistance Furnished, 1951	460.36	
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		\$ 741.79
Received From State of Maine	\$ 667.94	
Due From State of Maine	73.85	
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		\$ 741.79

## KINDERGARTENS

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Northeast Harbor Kindergarten	\$ 300.00	
Seal Harbor Kindergarten	250.00	
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		\$ 550.00
Appropriation		\$ 550.00

## THE NORTHEAST HARBOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mrs. Lillis P. Joy, Librarian

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Expenditures. \$1,284.00

Employees:

Part Time 1

The Northeast Harbor Public Library has had a busy and successful year. A high percentage of the books loaned went to the school children. The teachers have co-operated in every way consistently using available library books in order to supplement their text books.

A course of instruction is given the students in the proper use of the facilities at the library.

The cataloguing system has been under going revision and is now complete. During the year 322 new books were purchased and some 381 books were generously donated by patrons of the Library.

Also available to those who love good music is our fine record collection. Many persons have joined us in the music room and have listened to their favorite classical recordings.

The story telling periods for the children, conducted by the high school students, were continued throughout the year with increasing success.

Thru the generosity of friends of this library, two scholarships were awarded to high school seniors; thereby aiding them in their quest for a higher education.

The book circulation this year has been 21607 books, an increase of some 3000 books over last year.

Our attendance is up some 2000 persons to a total of 11,249.

This is your library — feel free to come in, browse around, look at our books, take one or two home and enjoy the satisfaction which comes from reading good books.

## SEAL HARBOR LIBRARY

Mrs. Beatrice Atwood, Librarian

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Expenditures: \$321.00

Employees:  
Part Time 1

The Seal Harbor Library had a very successful year, being used more than in the past few years.

There were 1161 books loaned this year with 845 visitors. 110 books were purchased with 79 books donated. The money allotted by the Town makes it possible to purchase more books thereby increasing the use and value of the Library.

Several duplicate books were given to us by the Northeast Harbor Library. Discarded books have been sent to the Veterans Hospital at Togus and the Sea Coast Mission.

Our Library was deeply saddened by the loss of our former chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mr. George L. Stebbins. Mr. Stebbins, during his years spent at Seal Harbor, worked very hard for the success and welfare of the Library and he will be greatly missed.

In the winter months many books are kept in the Neighborhood Hall where they may be taken out on Friday afternoons.

## MOUNT DESERT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Marjory Hayward, Librarian

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Expenditures: \$321.00

Employees:  
Part Time 1

The past year has been an extremely active and fruitful one for the Mount Desert Public Library at Somesville. Under the generously volunteered supervision of Mrs. Marjory Hayward a corps of hard working women and young people has completely overhauled the entire book collection, discarding, repairing, and cataloging

each book in a modern card file system which entails the typing of four cards for each book. A new system of withdrawing and returning books has also been instituted. New books have been added at the rate of at least six per month and particular attention to the juvenile section has resulted in much new and good reading for the children. During the past year many new borrowers have used the Library, increasing the number to 136.

The \$321 allotted to this Library by the Town has been spent as follows:

Books for children	\$ 50.00
Books for adults	114.22
Extra janitor services in opening Wednesdays	41.00
Librarian's salary for opening Wednesdays	90.00
Extra fuel	25.78
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	\$321.00

Mrs. Florence Gray, Somesville's faithful librarian of many years' standing, resigned on November first and Mrs. Marjory Hayward was appointed to serve as the librarian.

Through the money-raising efforts of the Mount Desert Library Association and interested friends sufficient funds were raised to pay for renovating and painting the interior of the Library building. Dark walls, floor, ceiling and furniture have given way to light ceiling, soft green walls and bookcases, natural finish waxed floor and furniture painted a somewhat darker green than the walls. Gifts of a librarian's desk and two bookcases have added to the transformation.

Our plans for the distant future include the possibility of a reading room to be added to the Library building. Plans for the immediate future center around the need to build up our book collection necessitating a substantial increase in book buying funds.

### AID TO LIBRARIES

Mount Desert Library Society	\$ 321.00	
Northeast Harbor Library Society	1,284.00	
Seal Harbor Library Society	321.00	
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		\$ 1,926.00
Appropriation	\$ 1,800.00	
Received: (State of Maine Stipend)	126.00	
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		<u>\$ 1,926.00</u>

### LIEN COSTS, ETC.

Hurley, Charles J., Attorney	\$ 29.70
Received From Tax Liens	29.70
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### COMPENSATION

<i>Compensation Policy:</i>	
Knowles Company	\$ 1,001.27
<i>Industrial Accident Commission Award:</i>	
McCrae, Lenora E.	252.00
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	\$ 1,253.27
Unexpended, Dec. 31, 1952	\$ 1,196.26
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	\$ 2,449.53
Appropriation	\$ 2,300.00
Balance, 1951	149.53
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	<u>\$ 2,449.53</u>



## MOUNT DESERT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

George Savage, President

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During 1952 the Chamber has accomplished its usual program. The work of the several committees is outlined below. An analysis of future policy which may be desirable follows the routine report.

### Industrial Development:

Mr. E. Farnham Butler, chairman of the Industrial Development Committee of the Mount Desert Chamber of Commerce is also chairman of the committee handling this project for the entire island. The other members represent the Chambers of Commerce at Bar Harbor and Southwest Harbor and a group of interested citizens of Tremont. The basic survey has been completed. A report covering this is scheduled for publication in January, 1953. The services of Mr. Stacy May, the eminent economist, were made available to the committee by an interested member of the Chamber, Mr. Nelson Rockefeller.

Mr. May has suggested that in addition to his report a separate brochure be prepared for distribution to influential persons whose organizations might be interested in establishing an industry at Mount Desert. He feels that a professional public relations agent should be engaged to prepare this brochure. Mr. Rockefeller has most generously offered to pay for the preparation of this brochure by the public relations man provided that funds for printing it and distributing it be found. The Chamber voted to allocate funds for this purpose at the December meeting. The other Chambers of Commerce on the island have been asked to contribute to this project by allowing funds for it in their 1953 budgets, since they had no spare money available for this purpose when the decision had to be made. The survey, of course, was paid for proportionately by all the Chambers of Commerce on the island.

This Chamber set aside \$500.00 a year or two ago

for the use of the Industrial Development Committee. An additional \$650.00 was voted in December 1952 to cover the possible costs of publishing the brochure. The wisdom of allowing some leaway in appropriating funds, especially for development and advertising work, is here shown. This policy made it possible for the Chamber to act swiftly and effectively in this case.

Since practically every community in Maine, not to mention the United States, is competing for new businesses and industries, it is obvious that a good selling job has got to be done. The brochure will be sent to officers of corporations, directors, and important stockholders. A list of such people who summer at Mount Desert is now being prepared for the use of the public relations man.

#### Harbor:

The installation of one additional shower, one electric boiler also additional, and an automatic washer and dryer marked a further improvement to the Yachtsman's Building at Sea Street. These additional services were enthusiastically received by the yachting public. Except for Camden, which apparently started the trend in Maine, no other town offers these conveniences as yet to visiting yachtsmen.

Plans and specifications for these improvements were prepared by George Savage, architect, gratis except for printing costs. The work was bid competitively and the contractor was the Estate of I. E. Ralph. The budget allocated \$1200 for the project; the total cost was \$1294, an overdraft of \$94.00.

Other routine harbor services included provision of guest moorings at Northeast Harbor and Somesville, provision of morning papers to visiting yachts by the Harbor-master, as well as advertising matter; and subsidising a telephone pay-station at Sea Street.

Special Improvements: (Work is done by subscribed funds, not by the Town)

This committee attempts to carry on the work formerly undertaken by the Northeast Harbor Village Improvement Society. Vista cutting, roadside clearing, trail maintenance, as well as provision of the swimming float at Sea Street are its responsibility. The usual work has been accomplished this year; during the coming year more work will be done on the trails than was possible this year. The trails are one of the most unique features of the region and with the mountains form the fundamental attraction which distinguishes Mount Desert from practically all other seaside resorts. Acadia National Park has a limited budget for trail work so that proper maintenance in co-operation with the Park authorities is undertaken by this committee and by the Village Improvement Societies of Seal Harbor, Somesville and Bar Harbor.

Gifts to this committee are very welcome.

#### Promotion:

The routine distribution of maps (more will have to be ordered this year), the management of the Joint Island Information Bureau at the bridge, in co-operation with the other Chambers of Commerce on the island, publication of the yacht races of The Northeast Harbor Fleet in the local and metropolitan press, and distribution of a prize to the Outboard Races sponsored by Southwest Harbor at Echo Lake and broadcast, were all accomplished. The tuna-fish prize was not given this year due to the absence of the fish. The Chamber contributed towards better fishways in some of the island ponds feeling that development of fishing is a very worthwhile activity. An information bureau at Northeast was initiated with considerable success.

Senator Smith of Maine spoke at an open meeting of the Chamber at Northeast Harbor in September. Efforts were made at the time to acquaint her with the project for dredging Northeast Harbor. The anchorage requirements of the crash boats used by the Air Force now docked at Southwest may require that the harbor be

dredged in the interests of the Air Force, to provide more mooring space.

### Policy :

The meetings this year have witnessed many lively discussions and criticisms of policies followed by this chamber. Many of the criticisms are deserved but difficult to remedy without a more ambitious program. Within our limitations and with an entirely voluntary organization, the small salary paid to the Secretary can hardly cover his expenses, perhaps we accomplish as much as can be expected. This Chamber has sponsored and in some cases subsidised a number of worthwhile things in the past. The Islesford Ferry and the Riding-Stable are now flourishing but were much encouraged in the beginning by the Chamber. The Joint Island Information Bureau, the map of the island used by all, were projects of this Chamber originally. The Yachting Building and the Industrial Development Committee are current examples of progressive action.

At one time much money was spent in co-operation with the other groups on a complete publicity program since abandoned. This was very expensive and the results were questionable although if money were available in large amounts it might be well to do it again sometime. For our local situation it is felt that the best mouse trap policy is wisest at the moment and that money allocated for press publicity had better be spent on modest civic improvements to please our customers. We do feature sports events in the local and metropolitan press but this does not seem to be very expensive.

Most Chambers of Commerce function on an entirely opposite theory. They ballyhoo and sometimes achieve surprising results or claim they do. One of the best examples of successful ballyhoo is of course Los Angeles but they were helped a little by the item of oil. Palm Springs is a good example of this treatment applied to resorts. They went after customers who live on publicity anyway (apparently) and thus got a good deal of



their advertising for free. Bermuda which had a good deal to start with (not true of P.S.) decided to increase its business and has succeeded by spending apparently an amount every year equal to the total budget of the Town of Mount Desert ( a quarter of a million). Bermuda was almost forced into this policy due to its large population and complete lack of resources other than Easter lilies and onions — except tourists. We, fortunately, have other resources and hope to have more if our industrial campaign is at all successful. But tourism in its broadest sense is the natural commodity of Mount Desert, for most of us. Our problem is how to retain our old customers and attract new ones possibly from a wider market, so to speak. The experience of most resorts has been that a broadening of the base meant losing the pinnacle. It would seem that the large size of the Town and the Island as a whole would permit a more successful approach than is possible in some other places. In fact, the Island as a whole is already catering to quite a motley throng from the campers in the park to the inhabitants of the large houses.

#### Planning:

It is obvious that more accommodations for tourists are needed in the Town but it would be extremely foolish to locate these where they would detract from our large investment in dependable summer property. But the most compelling factor consists in maintaining the attractiveness of this Town. This is vital no matter what type of visitor comes. People come to a place like Mount Desert to get away from the ugliness of so much of urban America. Route One in Maine is an example of the type of development to avoid. Why should a commuter driving from Connecticut into New York City, who has a protected countryside to look at all the way from his house until he swoops under the Washington Bridge when that thrilling view of Manhattan appears, want to leave that environment for the clutter our State and even our Island is now strewing around? Vermont can advertise that it is still unspoiled but Maine can't. Even some of this Island can't,

but this Town must always be able to do so.

How can it be done? The only answer and one that has worked successfully in many places for several centuries is zoning, provided the zoning is enforced. Nearby experience has taught that definition is all important in residential categories for our resorts. Without well-defined zoning we are likely to be ruined by wrong development. The existing summer colonies in our resort villages are the envy of resorts in Europe as well as America. Other resorts have enjoyed having this type of colony for short periods but these are the only villages where so many of the younger generation want to return. These people must be further encouraged.

Therefore it is my view that we should develop our facilities along some such program as the following:

1. Provision for the casual tourist in motels of good quality well located for their business but never enroaching on already developed and stabilized residential regions. Our Town is large enough to permit this.
2. Construction of small housekeeping units rentable on a weekly or monthly basis with or without service. These must be attractively situated near or overlooking some natural feature such as a pond or waterway.
3. Alteration of existing large summer cottages to make them more desirable for a changing market. Some people still like big houses if they don't cost too much to run and have modern conveniences in kitchen and laundry. Some could be made into apartments offered perhaps at a lower rental than individual units of the same size; others into well managed guest houses as in Bermuda.
4. Further promotion of our sea attractions. Sporting events and conventions scheduled in the off season. (Both these things have been tried locally this year with some success.) There are about 500 hotel rooms in the Town as a whole which could accommodate a small con-



vention in the off season. The market for these is somewhat limited since competing places can offer golf at the hotel door besides housing everyone in a main building.

5. The engaging of the services of a professional planner with imagination to map the Town and designate appropriate areas for residence, retail business, light manufacturing, tourist accommodations, and industry - the usual sub-divisions. Farming should also be included. In designing such a scheme, the planner indicates new roads and changes in old to benefit either the road or the land, but usually leaves the development of larger tracts to subdivision by private interests. However, strict standards of widths, clearances, building lines and other legal restrictions are established by building law which goes with the zoning so that if a private individual develops his own property and wants the town to maintain and assume ownership of roads and utilities (sewers) the town has a layout designed in accordance with the best standards; otherwise the developed features are not legally acceptable by the town since any substandard features are assumed to be too much of a burden on the taxpayers. The old and well zoned Town of Lexington, Massachusetts, follows this procedure.

6. With the extension of the Maine Turnpike to Augusta (and probably eventually much nearer home) which will bring Boston within five hours by car; with the establishment of the Yarmouth Ferry, these zoning problems will be more urgent than appears now. Demand for desirable tourist sites will increase and we had better be prepared.

7. Efforts should be made by someone to interest the Maritime Commission in subsidizing a steamer line from Boston to the Island. It is ridiculous that in the richest country in the world no way is made possible for a tourist to see one of the most beautiful coastlines in the world from the water. They subsidize practically all the major shipping companies; with the possible connecting business from the new ferry such a line might even pay.

In all its plans for the future, the Town of Mount Desert should emphasize quality. There is no substitution for the really satisfied customer in any business relation. The traditions of this Town with respect to quality need no apology but improvement is always possible and must be striven for.

George Savage, President

# HARBORMASTERS' REPORT

A. H. Kennedy, Northeast Harbor  
 Pearl Clement, Seal Harbor

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Expenditures: \$616.00

Employees: 2

Paid 1

Unpaid 1

During the 1952 summer season boats from Portland, Marblehead, and New York yacht clubs visited our harbors and used available facilities.

Seven foreign boats were in port, the majority of these were of Canadian registry. A Dutch built ocean-going pleasure yacht stayed with us for over a week.

Some 760 boats of all types visited our harbor during the year.

The Harbormaster made available to our ocean-going guests descriptive literature, information, and daily newspapers. The boat-to-boat collection service was continued again this year; thereby helping to keep our harbor free of pollution.

Our dock facilities are in yearly use by some sixteen lobster fishermen and two dragger operators which operate out of Northeast Harbor and Seal Harbor.

This summer our docks were a point of call by the numerous excursion boats and week end cruise vessels. There will be a heavier volume of traffic next year by this excursion media.

Two of our floats are in poor shape and should be replaced at once. Additional shelters should be provided for housing persons during inclement weather. More tables and benches are needed in the picnic areas.

# NORTHEAST HARBOR LANDING

Labor Hire	\$	323.53
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*General Expense:*

Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.	\$	121.60
Bragg, N. H. and Sons		31.46
Brown, F. T. Co.		53.61
Bucklin, H. E.		57.01
Haynes' Garage		1.01
Howard Barrel Co.		45.00
Manset Marine Supply		2.31
Murrell, Maurice J.		0.65
Musetti, Joseph		24.00
Northeast Harbor Water Co.		15.00
Ober, Ernest C.		37.33
Ober, O. M. Co.		8.50
Stanley, W. A.		1.50
Tracy, S. R. Est.		70.90

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	\$	469.97
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*Harbor Boat Expenses:*

Bragg, N. H. and Sons	\$	31.46
Brown, F. T. Co.		32.25
Bucklin, H. E.		0.15
Cousins, Elmer		22.44
Lakin's Express		0.40
Manchester, Russell		74.10
Mount Desert Yacht Yard		20.00
Murray, William		3.37
Ober, O. M.		4.95
Sunset Garage		0.33
Tracy, S. R. Estate		23.85

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	\$	213.30
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Transfer for Gas and Oil		13.88
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	\$	1,020.68
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Non-Lapsed Overdraft, Dec. 31, 1951		513.02
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	\$	1,533.70
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Unexpended, Dec. 31, 1952		229.30
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	\$	1,763.00
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Appropriation	\$	1,763.00
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## SEAL HARBOR TOWN LANDING

Labor Hire	\$	251.72
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*General Expense:*

Bangor Hydro-Electric	\$	13.00
Bragg, N. H. and Sons		31.46
Brown, F. T. Co.		26.75
Bucklin, H. E.		17.90
Clement, Pearl		13.00
Hackett Machine Co.		29.07
Haynes' Garage		13.08
Howard Barrel Co.		48.75
Jordan, Everett G.		13.50
Lakin's Express		0.80
Orcutt, Fred		7.10
Soule Glass and Paint Co.		18.86
Stanley, W. A.		2.50
State of Maine Treasurer		6.00
Sunset Garage		3.50
Tracy, S. R. Estate		23.16

Non-Lapsed Overdraft, Dec. 31, 1951	\$	268.43
		19.79

Unexpended, Dec. 31, 1952	\$	539.94
		180.06

Appropriation	\$	720.00
	\$	720.00

## SEAL HARBOR VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

Edward C. Clement, President

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Expenditures: \$1,000.00

In closing our fiscal year as of November 1st, the Society has accomplished many projects which have been bypassed in previous years.

The Seaside Trail was repaired and maintained during the summer. A complete set of bridges were constructed along the Birch Brook Trail and two bridges underwent repairs on the Hunter's Beach Trail. The Ox Ledge Path was resurfaced where needed. During the year the Village Green was maintained and it had a complete covering of fertilizer to provide much needed nourishment to the grass roots. Several dead trees were removed, some replaced, and other trees were pruned.

A new gas-powered lawn mower was purchased to better enable the caretaker to maintain the Green. A few supplementary garden tools are also needed for this work.

Because of severe spring storms it was necessary to spend extra time and money on the Beach cleanup. Continued care and raking of the sand beach kept it in better condition than in previous seasons.

The entire wooded area around the beach has been cleaned up and the old stumps and piles of sea weed have been removed.

Our Beach area is in use from early June until September. It is estimated that some 20,000 persons use our facilities and beach during a season.

A patron of the Society generously contributed the benches which were placed on the Seaside trail.

Throughout the village, waste receptacles were set up to provide for the disposal of waste and trash.



Services as rendered in the past will continue for the coming year. The beach area will be improved by the addition of life rings, childrens' slides and teeterboards. Signs will be placed on the highway indicating the location of the beach and available parking area to the motorists. The path on the beach will be rebuilt and additional work done on the various trails.

A great deal of credit for the accomplishment of the Society must be given to our former president, Mr. Robert DeRevere. The many problems he solved during his term as president, and the counsel and guidance he has given your president, all have been invaluable in helping to carry out the work program.

#### SEAL HARBOR VILLAGE GREEN AND BEACH

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Appropriation to Village Improvement Association	\$	800.00
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##### *General Expense:*

Bracy, Lewis	\$	9.50
Carr, Sherwood		3.42
Chase, Lowell		30.50
Cousins, Elmer		6.80
Driscoll, Frederick		14.50
Gould Equipment Co.		2.64
Manchester, Russell		12.50
Murray, William		24.75
Young, George		5.50

	\$	110.11
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Transfer to Refuse Account for Use of Equipment		89.89
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	\$	1,000.00
Appropriation	\$	1,000.00

#### ADVERTISING

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Mount Desert Chamber of Commerce	\$	3,000.00
Appropriation	\$	3,000.00

## INFORMATION BUREAU

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Mount Desert Chamber of Commerce	\$	130.00
Appropriation	\$	130.00

## FLEET INSURANCE

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James, Alfred J. Jr.	\$	15.00	
Knowles Company		38.75	
Lyman, Fred C. Co.		730.41	
Travellers Insurance Co.		34.17	
			\$ 818.33
Appropriation	\$	590.00	
Balance, 1951		109.53	
Received: Fred C. Lyman Co.		61.49	
			\$ 761.02
Overdrawn, Dec. 31, 1952			57.31
			\$ 818.33

## MEMORIAL EXPENSES

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Luxey-Wright Post No. 103, American Legion	\$	50.00
Appropriation	\$	50.00

## EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND

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Maine State Retirement System	\$	4,828.62	
Smallidge, Clifford		24.14	
			\$ 4,852.76
Appropriation	\$	2,750.00	
Received: From Employees Payrolls		2,102.76	
			\$ 4,852.76

## TEACHERS' RETIREMENT FUND

Maine State Retirement System	\$	3,081.37
Received from Teachers' Payrolls	\$	3,081.37

## INTEREST

*Interest on Bonds:*

National Shawmut Bank of Boston	\$	660.00
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*Interest on Temporary Loans:*

Bar Harbor Banking and Trust Co.	\$	14.44
First National Bank of Bar Harbor		28.33

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\$ 42.77

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\$ 702.77

Unexpended, Dec. 31, 1952

125.54

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\$ 828.31

Appropriation	\$	480.00
Balance, 1951		130.48
Transfer: (Interest on Taxes)		217.83

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\$ 828.31

## INTEREST ON TRUST FUNDS

*Asticou Terraces Trust Fund:*

Savage, Charles K., Trustee	\$	50.00
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*Cemetery Trust Funds:*

Helen Pray Trust Fund	\$	1.50
Walter Sargent, Trust Fund	\$	1.50
W. S. Smallidge Trust Fund		6.02
Henry L. Stanley Trust Fund		15.04

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\$ 74.06

Balance, 1951	\$	7.52
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*Received:*

Bar Harbor Banking and Trust Co.	\$	15.04
First National Bank		1.50
United States Treasurer		50.00

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\$ 74.06

## PAYMENT OF BONDS

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### *Bond Indebtedness:*

National Shawmut Bank of Boston	\$ 4,000.00
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### *Bond Sinking Fund Investment:*

First National Bank of Bar Harbor (U. S. Treasury Bonds)	20,030.98
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First National Bank of Bar Harbor (Cert. of Dep.)	300.00
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Bar Harbor Banking and Trust Co. (Cert. of Dep.)	300.00
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	\$ 24,630.98
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Unexpended, Dec. 31, 1952	173.06
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	\$ 24,804.04
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### *Received:*

First National Bank of Bar Harbor, (Interest on Treasury Bonds)	\$ 200.00
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Transfer of 1947 Emergency Fire Funds	24,604.04
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	\$ 24,804.04
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## TEMPORARY LOANS

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Bar Harbor Banking and Trust Co.	\$ 10,000.00
First National Bank of Bar Harbor	10,000.00

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	\$ 20,000.00
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Bar Harbor Banking and Trust Co.	\$ 10,000.00
First National Bank of Bar Harbor	10,000.00

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	\$ 20,000.00
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## COUNTY TAX

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Iva W. Clark, County Treasurer	\$ 10,469.25
Assessed As Per Warrant	\$ 10,469.25

# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

L. Lawrie Holmes, Town Clerk

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Expenditures: \$222.00

Employees:

Part Time 1

The following vital statistics were recorded during the 1952 year:

Births	24
Marriages	39
Deaths	28

Recorded deaths include the following persons:

Name	Died
Ernest Atwood, age 32	May 6
Bertha E. Allan, age 42	April 30
Katherine Brengle, age 68	October 3
Edith E. Burr, age 61	March 25
Mattie B. Brown, age 72	December 11
Jennie M. Converse, age 81	June 9
Frank J. Cyr, age 60	August 8
Jeanne M. Dorey, age 71	February 4
Wayne W. Farnum, age 48	May 19
Abraham C. Fernald, age 91	June 29
Nulela Gray, age 75	May 6
Agnes S. Hamor, age 71	February 8
Edith Amy Hunter, age 68	March 23
Calista H. Long, age 50	July 24
Clarence P. Lurvey, age 54	February 8
Melissa E. Merchant, age 71	March 22
Lenora E. MacCrae, age 79	March 22
Herbert L. Newman, age 89	May 21
Alonzo W. Parker, age 85	January 25
Margaret L. Richardson, age 83	April 4
Hershel E. Reed, age 87	March 24
Joseph W. Reed, age	May 13
Barry C. Smith, age 74	March 31
Etta K. Snow, age 78	September 6
James Clifford Walls, Jr., age 26	November 11
Almenia H. Wagner, age 71	December 25
Lydia Annie Walls, age 81	October 24
Flora B. Weaver, age 80	April 5





NORTHEAST HARBOR LIBRARY - STORY TELLING SESSION



PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM





NORTHEAST HARBOR FIRE COMPANY  
ON THE STAHLI ROOF FIRE



SOMESVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT



FINISHING INTERIOR OF OTTER CREEK FIRE STATION



HOME ECONOMICS CLASS  
AT NORTHEAST HARBOR SCHOOL





CONSTRUCTION ON BEECH HILL ROAD



LEDGE EXCAVATION ON BEECH HILL ROAD

TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

December 31, 1952

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Trustees' Accountability	\$180,538.82
Bonds Payable	190,000.00
Income from Investment	4,551.36

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\$375,090.18

B. H. Banking & Trust Co.	\$ 7.37
First National Bank	1,341.48

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\$ 1,348.85

Building Contract	\$304,793.06
Architect	15,079.58
Sewer and Water	4,964.81
Fixtures and Equipment	24,452.59
Misc. Costs	1,160.28
Landscaping	4,605.39
Exp. of Administration	902.92
Maintenance, Ball Field	2,578.70
Insurance	1,404.00
Interest	13,800.00

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\$375,741.33

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\$375,090.18

*Respectfully submitted,*

Gerald Richardson, *Treasurer*

TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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School District for Bonds and Interest	\$ 24,200.00
Assessed As Per Warrant	\$ 24,200.00

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## TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT SCHOOL REPORT

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To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of the Town of Mount Desert:

I herewith submit my sixth annual report as the Superintendent of Schools for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1952.

### School Finances

I am able to report that there will be a balance of \$7,643.75 in the General School Fund, which is larger than that of the previous year. This is due primarily to the elimination of one secondary teacher; a saving of \$1,000 on the Art teacher's salary; the carrying over of \$3,000 due the teachers receiving their salary on the 52-week basis; and a slight increase in State School Funds. This balance, coupled with an increase in State School Funds for 1953, will enable us to make a substantial reduction in our General School Fund budget for the next fiscal year.

The General School Fund budget of \$105,354.75 is approximately the same as for 1952. However, anticipated revenues from the State of \$16,625.00 and the balance of \$7,643.75 has made it possible to ask for a reduced Town appropriation of \$81,086.00 for 1953 in comparison with an all-time high appropriation of \$91,315.00 for the fiscal year 1952. Increases for teachers have been included in this budget.

The budget for the miscellaneous accounts will increase from \$9,950.00 in 1952 to \$12,879.00 in 1953. This is due to an increase for much-needed improvements to the Stetson School building. There is also an increase in the insurance appropriation, which was smaller the preceding year because of a large balance in that account. The budget for all school purposes — including the General School Fund and miscellaneous accounts — for the

fiscal year 1953 will be \$93,965.00, compared with \$101,265.00 in 1952, a reduction of \$7,300.00 in the total budget for all school purposes.

It is expedient at this time to point out, that even though there has been a substantial decrease in the School budget, because of a large balance and increased State Funds, school costs are not declining. In reality, the total estimated funds needed to run the schools for the fiscal year 1953 exceed that of 1952 by \$2,522.20. The trend in school costs is not down but up, and there is no indication that the end is in sight.

### School Enrollment

School enrollments in the Town of Mount Desert decreased slightly over the previous school year. In 1951 the total enrollment for all schools was 367, in the sub-primary class, there are definite indications that there will be a slight increase in enrollments for the next two or three years.

The biggest decrease in enrollments has occurred in the Otter Creek and Seal Harbor schools, which has been caused by families leaving the communities.

### School Personnel

Competent teachers are the foremost requisite of a good school. We have been fortunate in retaining most of our teachers who have been with us for several years. We have an excellent corps of both elementary and secondary teachers who are well-trained and exceedingly interested in giving our children the proper background to prepare them for higher education.

Our teacher personnel is practically the same as last year with only a few exceptions: Miss Jeanne Walsh, our Art teacher, resigned to accept a similar position in the State of New York. Her place has been ably filled by Mr. William Moise, a graduate of the Cooper Union Art School of New York City. Mr. Moise's time is divided



among the towns, with the Mount Desert schools having three days of each week and the Southwest Harbor and Tremont schools each one. Miss Claire Robitaille, our French teacher at Mount Desert High School, resigned to take an out-of-state position. Her position was filled by Mr. Albert Genovese, a graduate of the University of Bridgeport. Mrs. Marilyn Potter, our commercial teacher, gave up teaching last June, and Miss Dora Argeros, a graduate of Boston University, was hired to fill her position. The Home Economics teacher, Mrs. Eleanor Stinchfield, resigned to accept a position in Massachusetts, and Miss Carolyn Hall was employed in her place. Mr. Harland Carter, who had been a popular teacher here for many years, resigned to accept a position in the schools of Massachusetts.

Every effort is being made this year to meet some of the provisions of the salary schedule adopted last year. Under this schedule minimum and maximum salaries have been set up based on experience and education. The schedule provides for a minimum salary for secondary teachers with degrees of \$2,500 up to a maximum of \$3,700. In the elementary field, the schedule starts at \$2,000 for teachers of less than three years training and reaches a maximum of \$3,000 for those with a degree.

### The Educational Program

The Town of Mount Desert is very fortunate in its fine educational plants. The success of any educational system, however, is entirely dependent upon the results obtained. There are definite indications that though educational costs are high in Mount Desert, value is being received in proportion to the cost of maintaining most of our educational plants. The records being made by pupils leaving our schools are indicative of the training they have received, and the importance of the school system to the community.

Though we must recognize the importance of the schools as an essential unit in the community, at the same

time we must not forget that the home must share with the school the responsibility of education and character building. Too often, and probably without the realization of the parents, conditions in the home environment provide a mental and physical background for the pupil which makes it difficult for him to become adjusted to school life. Sometimes this results in the failure of the pupil, and the school is blamed, rather than the home background. It is, therefore, the duty of the parents to make every effort to acquaint themselves with the problems of the school in general, as well as the specific problem of their own boys and girls.

With one of the finest secondary plants in the State, every effort has been made to offer an educational program that is not only stimulating, but progressive in every respect. All phases of the program have been expanded to develop not only the intellectual but the physical and spiritual potentialities of the pupil. Vocational courses have been introduced and every effort has been made to meet the needs of both the college and non-college pupil.

- To many of our summer friends we owe a debt of gratitude for their efforts in our behalf. Through their efforts excellent library facilities have been made available, with unlimited reference material, all of untold value to the school. The librarian's services have been available to the school, proving to be of inestimable value to both teachers and pupils. Here also are held our Story-Telling sessions, sponsored and financed through the library with the help of our summer friends. No course offered in our schools offers a more stimulating or entertaining an experience than this project, which has become an integrated part of our program. Last year two scholarships were made available to deserving seniors serving as an incentive for those interested in entering higher fields of endeavor. These scholarships will be available again this year.

## Repairs

It is almost impossible to budget repair expenditures accurately because of the unforeseeable incidents that are continually arising. For this reason, there has usually been an overdraft in the repair account at the end of the fiscal year. The repair budget for 1953 should take care of all expenditures planned for the year.

Contemplated school building repairs for the 1953 school year are primarily confined to the Stetson school, which has been badly in need of repair for years. Funds for this purpose were requested at the last annual town meeting, but were voted down at that time.

The sum of \$4,000.00 has been included in the repair budget for Stetson school improvements. If this amount is made available, the building will be re-roofed, outside walls water-proofed, four front classroom walls replastered and the interior of the building redecorated, as available funds will permit.

The usual routine repairs that must be taken care of yearly will be carried on as usual. The high school building, for example, with its extensive area requires re-furbishing each year. It is the policy of the School Department to keep its buildings in good repair at all times, and at the same time to space out major repairs so that the financial load will not be too great in any one year.

On behalf of the schools and school officials, I take this opportunity to extend our thanks and appreciation for the support which you have always given the schools of Mount Desert. To the principals, teachers, bus drivers, janitors, and school lunch cooks, we extend our personal thanks for their loyal cooperation during the past year. To the members of the Superintending School Committee, who have given so generously of their time and efforts, I express my thanks and appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul J. Brown,  
Superintendent of Schools

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Bucklin, Horace	Term Expires March, 1953
Coffin, Dr. Ernest L.	Term Expires March, 1955
Manchester, John G.	Term Expires March, 1954

## SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Brown, Paul J.	Superintendent of Schools
Coffin, Alice	School Secretary
Barker, Lucy	School Nurse

## LIST OF TEACHERS

Name	School	Grades
Ernest, Raymond, Principal	Mount Desert High	9-12
Argeros, Dora	Mount Desert High	9-12
Coates, Don	Mount Desert High	9-12
Drummond, Norma	Mount Desert High	9-12
Genovese, Albert	Mount Desert High	9-12
Hall, Carolyn	Mount Desert High	Home Ec.
Herrick, Grace	Mount Desert High	9-12
Jowdry, Earle	Mount Desert High	Physical Ed.
Leeman, Paul	Mount Desert High	Music
Redmond, William	Mount Desert High	9-12
Salisbury, Roy	Mount Desert High	Manual Tr.
Snow, Charles	Mount Desert High	9-12
Wood, Suzanne	Mount Desert High	Physical Ed.
Moise, William	All Schools	Art. 1-8
Burlock, Ruby	Dunham	Primary
Jordan, Marie	Dunham	Intermediate
Gallup, Nira	Otter Creek	Primary
Somes, Ethel	Otter Creek	Intermediate
Higgins, Ruby Principal	Somesville	Upper
Bartlett, Grace	Somesville	Primary
Grant, Margaret	Somesville	Intermediate
Fennelly, Mildred, Principal	Stetson	Upper
Fernald, Norma	Stetson	Intermediate
Hatch, S. Marjorie	Stetson	Primary
Guthrie, Diane	Stetson	Intermediate

## BUS DRIVERS

Blanchard, Maynard	Mount Desert High
Driscoll, Fred	Otter Creek
Robinson, Clifford	Somesville

## JANITORS

Name	School
Jenkins, Roy	Mount Desert High
Jordan, M. J.	Dunham
Richardson, Clarence	Otter Creek
Robbins, Sidney	Mount Desert High
Robinson, Clifford	Somesville
Smith, Mabel	Stetson

## SCHOOL LUNCH EMPLOYEES

Getchell, Hester E.	Mount Desert High
Somes, Ethel B.	Mount Desert High
Ninfi, Clalia	Somesville

## PRESENT SCHOOLS IN TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT

Name	Location	Enrollment	Teachers
Dunham	Seal Harbor	26	2
Mount Desert High	Northeast Harbor	162	8
Otter Creek	Otter Creek	23	2
Somesville	Mount Desert	67	3
Stetson	Northeast Harbor	84	4
Special Teachers			6

## ENROLLMENT BY GRADES

School	SP	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Dunham	5	3	2	6	5	5							
O. Creek	5	5	2	6	3	2							
S'ville	12	5	11	10	13	6	10						
Stetson	20	6	12	11	14	7	14						
Mount Desert High								23	23	28	34	20	24
Elementary Total										200			
Secondary Total										162			
Total Enrollment										362			



## COMPARISON OF ELEMENTARY COSTS

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### OTTER CREEK SCHOOL

Teachers' Salaries	\$ 4,370.56	
Fuel	369.38	
Janitor	1,716.00	
Conveyance	.....	
Textbooks and Supplies	500.40	
		\$ 6,956.44

### SEAL HARBOR SCHOOL

Teachers' Salaries	\$ 4,311.68	
Fuel	1,103.21	
Janitors	1,678.00	
Conveyance	.....	
Textbooks and Supplies	534.00	
		\$ 7,626.89

### STETSON SCHOOL

Teachers' Salaries	\$ 8,531.24	
Fuel	1,088.77	
Janitors	960.00	
Conveyance	781.34	
Textbooks and Supplies	1,315.80	
		\$ 12,677.15

### SOMESVILLE SCHOOL

Teachers' Salaries	\$ 6,541.60	
Fuel	1,058.58	
Janitors	1,150.00	
Conveyance	2,344.01	
Textbooks and Supplies	1,210.40	
		\$ 12,304.59

\* Actual cost of running these schools. It does not include a proportional part of the salaries of the Music, Art and Physical Education teachers. If any of the above schools were closed, these salaries would remain constant.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT

### Resources

Appropriated by Town	\$101,265.00
Balance, December 31, 1951:	
General School Fund	1,273.55
Apparatus and Equipment	1.01
Athletic Field	36.70
School Insurance	707.94
School Bus	3,000.00
State of Maine	14,982.88
Town of Cranberry Isles, Tuition	187.50
Wanda E. Sangnier, Tuition	175.00
International Harvester Company	16.77
Mount Desert High School	74.21
C. E. Noyes	78.75
Eldridge Publishing Company	11.12
Mac Damon	1.00
Hancock County Community Concert Association	50.00
Jeanne Walsh	49.95
The Konomy IGA	0.25
Town of Mount Desert	36.18
Andrews Music House	5.00
Roy Salisbury	211.70
Town of Tremont	20.00
Town of Southwest Harbor	135.00
Town of Stonington	266.56
Charline Crozier	35.00
Beckley-Cardy Company	67.65
Transfer from General School Fund to School Bus Account	1,000.00
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	\$123,738.72

### Expenditures

General School Fund	\$100,845.11
Repairs	3,353.92
Apparatus and Equipment	1,284.59
School Lunch Account	1,390.00
School Insurance	2,731.51
Superintendent's Salary and Expense	2,200.00
School Office	200.00

Athletic Field

201.36

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 \$112,206.49

Balance December 31, 1952

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 \$ 11,532.23
 

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## GENERAL SCHOOL FUND

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### Resources

Town Appropriation for: High School Salaries (Inc.	
Physical Education and Industrial Arts)	\$ 36,290.00
Common School Salaries	26,581.00
Janitors and Cleaning	9,000.00
Conveyance	7,000.00
Textbooks	2,000.00
Supplies	5,000.00
Fuel	5,444.00
Balance, December 31, 1951	1,273.55
State of Maine	14,982.88
Town of Cranberry Isles, Tuition	187.50
Wanda E. Sangnier, Tuition	175.00
International Harvester Company	16.77
Mount Desert High School	74.21
C. E. Noyes	78.75
Eldridge Publishing Company	11.12
Mac Damon	1.00
Hancock County Community Concert Association	50.00
Jeanne Walsh	49.95
The Konomy IGA	0.25
Town of Mount Desert	36.18
Andrews Music House	5.00
Roy Salisbury	211.70
Town of Tremont	20.00
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	\$108,488.86

### Expenditures

High School Salaries	\$ 38,917.75
Common School Salaries	27,601.72
Janitors	10,750.00
Conveyance	8,441.00

Fuel	7,250.70	
Textbooks	1,754.50	
Supplies	5,537.37	
Industrial Education Supplies	592.07	
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		\$100,845.11
Balance December 31, 1952		<hr/>
		\$ 7,643.75
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## REPAIRS

## Resources

Town Appropriation	\$ 3,000.00
Town of Southwest Harbor	135.00
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	\$ 3,135.00
Expenditures, Incl. Overdraft	\$ 3,353.92
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Overdraft December 31, 1952	\$ 218.92

## APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT

## Resources

Town Appropriation	\$ 1,400.00
Balance December 31, 1951	1.01
Town of Stonington	266.56
Charline Crozier	35.00
Beckley-Cardy Company	67.65
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	\$ 1,770.22
Expenditures	\$ 1,284.59
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Balance December 31, 1952	\$ 485.63
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## SCHOOL LUNCH ACCOUNT

## Resources

Town Appropriation	\$ 1,000.00
Expenditures	1,390.00
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Overdraft December 31, 1952	\$ 390.00

## SCHOOL INSURANCE

## Resources

Town Appropriation	\$ 1,950.00
Balance December 31, 1951	707.94

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\$ 2,657.94
2,731.51

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## Expenditures

Overdraft December 31, 1952	\$ 73.57
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## SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY AND EXPENSE

## Resources

Town Appropriation	\$ 2,200.00
Expenditures	\$ 2,200.00

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## SCHOOL OFFICE

## Resources

Town Appropriation	\$ 200.00
Expenditures	\$ 200.00

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## ATHLETIC FIELD

## Resources

Town Appropriation	\$ 200.00
Balance December 31, 1951	86.70
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	\$ 286.70
Expenditures	201.36
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Balance December 31, 1952	\$ 85.34
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## SCHOOL BUS ACCOUNT

## Resources

Balance December 31, 1951	\$ 3,000.00
Transfer from General School Fund, 1952	1,000.00
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Balance December 31, 1952	\$ 4,000.00
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## SCHOOL BUDGET 1953

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### GENERAL SCHOOL FUND

#### Estimated Expenditures

High School Salaries, Incl. Physical Education and Industrial Education	\$ 40,213.39
Common School Salaries, Incl. Art	29,899.36
Janitors and Cleaning	11,042.00
Conveyance	8,200.00
Fuel	7,000.00
Textbooks	3,000.00
Supplies, Incl. Industrial Arts	6,000.00
	<hr/> \$105,354.75

#### Estimated Receipts

Owed to Teachers	\$ 3,000.75
Balance December 31, 1952	4,643.00
State of Maine	16,625.00
	<hr/> \$ 24,268.75
<i>Necessary Town Appropriation</i>	<hr/> \$ 81,086.00

### MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

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#### REPAIRS

#### Estimated Expenditures

Overdraft, December 31, 1952	\$ 218.92
Stetson School	4,000.00
Mount Desert High	500.00
Miscellaneous	499.08
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<i>Necessary Town Appropriation</i>	\$ 5,218.00

### APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT

#### Estimated Expenditures

Audiometer	\$ 100.00
Audio-Visual Aids	500.00
Lawn Mower	447.30
Miscellaneous	299.33
	<hr/>
	\$ 1,346.63

## Resources

Balance, December 31, 1952	\$ 485.63
<i>Necessary Town Appropriation</i>	<u>\$ 861.00</u>

## SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY AND EXPENSE

Estimated Expenditures	\$ 2,200.00
<i>Necessary Town Appropriation</i>	<u>\$ 2,200.00</u>

## SCHOOL OFFICE

Estimated Expenditures	\$ 200.00
<i>Necessary Town Appropriation</i>	<u>\$ 200.00</u>

## SCHOOL LUNCH

## Estimated Expenditures

Overdraft, December 31, 1952	\$ 390.00
Estimated Expenditures	1,010.00
<i>Necessary Town Appropriation</i>	<u>\$ 1,400.00</u>

## SCHOOL INSURANCE

## Estimated Expenditures

Overdraft, December 31, 1952	\$ 73.57
Estimated Expenditures	2,826.43
<i>Necessary Town Appropriation</i>	<u>\$ 2,900.00</u>

## ATHLETIC FIELD

## Estimated Expenditures

Estimated Expenditures	\$ 185.34
Balance, December 31, 1952	85.34
<i>Necessary Town Appropriation</i>	<u>\$ 100.00</u>

# COMPARISON OF BUDGETS

Account	1952	1953
High School Salaries, Including Ind. Ed. and Music	\$ 41,322.80	\$ 40,213.39
Common School Salaries and Art	29,588.75	29,899.36
Janitors and Cleaning	11,150.00	11,042.00
Conveyance	8,200.00	8,200.00
Fuel	6,500.00	7,000.00
Textbooks	3,000.00	3,000.00
Supplies, Inc. Ind. Arts	6,000.00	6,000.00
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	\$105,761.55	\$105,354.75
Balance	Estimated Resources	
State of Maine	\$ 1,273.55	\$ 7,643.75
	13,173.00	16,625.00
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	\$ 14,446.55	\$ 24,268.75
<i>General School Fund Appropriation</i>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Repairs	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,218.00
Apparatus and Equipment	1,400.00	861.00
Supt's Salary and Expense	2,200.00	2,200.00
School Office	200.00	200.00
School Lunch	1,000.00	1,400.00
School Insurance	1,950.00	2,900.00
Athletic Field	200.00	100.00
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	\$ 9,950.00	\$ 12,879.00
<i>Total Town Appropriation</i>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$101,265.00	\$ 93,965.00

# SOMESVILLE SCHOOL LUNCH FINANCIAL REPORT

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## Receipts

Balance December 31, 1951	\$ 7.84
Payments for Lunches	1,706.01
Government Subsidy	635.13
Town of Mount Desert	678.91
Ladies' Aid Society	50.00
Salvation Army	100.00
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	\$ 3,177.89

## Expenditures

Food	\$ 2,098.00
Labor	983.00
Miscellaneous	57.37
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	\$ 3,138.37
Balance December 31, 1952	<hr/>
	\$ 39.52

Total number of meals served during year — 8,101.

# MOUNT DESERT SCHOOL LUNCH FINANCIAL REPORT

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## Receipts

Balance December 31, 1951	\$	33.30
Payments for Lunches		5,325.60
Government Subsidy		1,732.31
Town of Mount Desert		690.00
Ellsworth PTA		53.40
The Konomy IGA		6.58
	\$	7,841.19

## Expenditures

Food	\$	5,672.78
Labor		1,861.85
Miscellaneous		255.36
	\$	7,789.99
Balance December 31, 1952	\$	51.20

Total number of meals served during year — 22,177.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Paul J. Brown,

*Superintendent of Schools*



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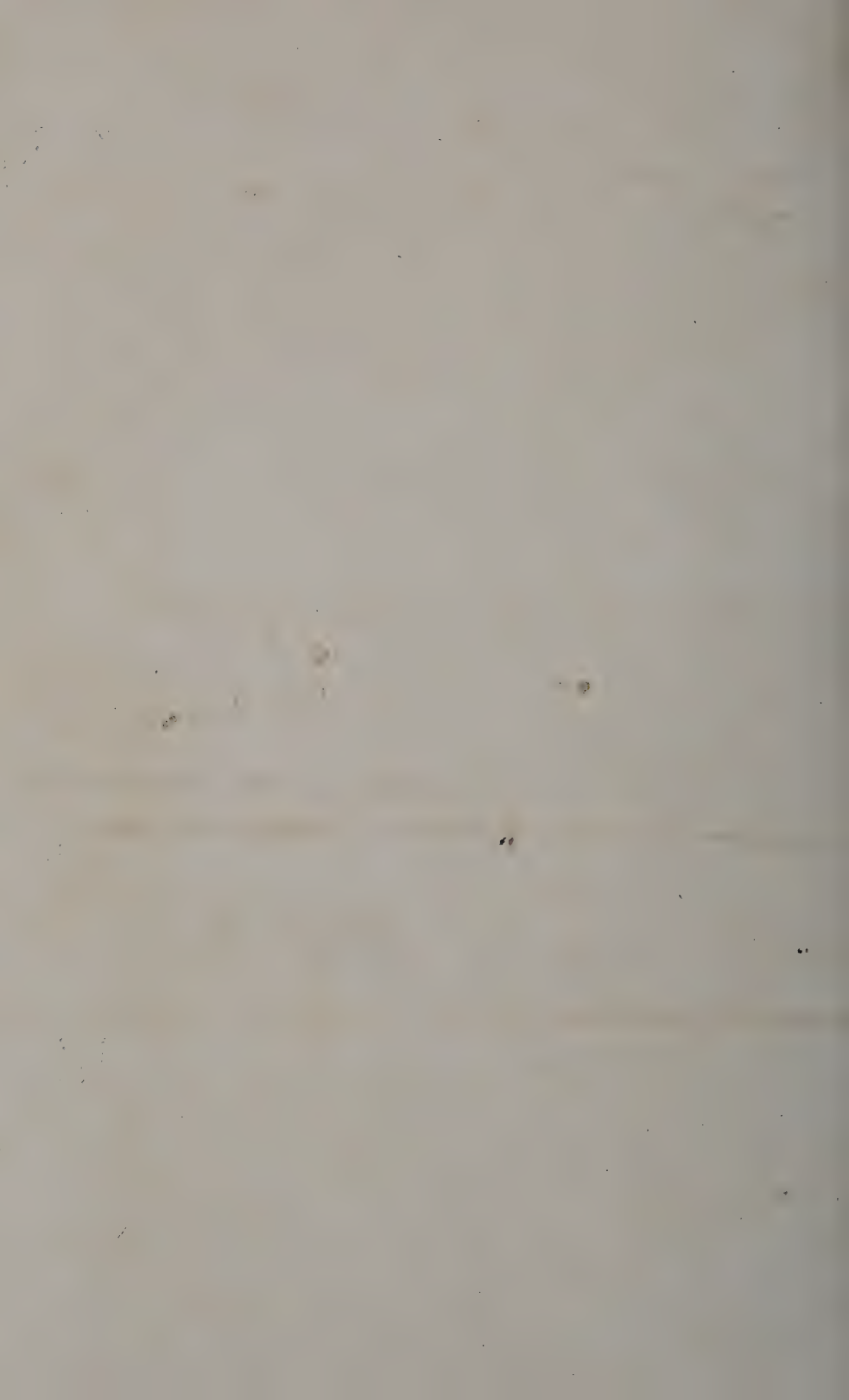
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## ELECTIVE TOWN OFFICERS

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### SELECTMEN

AND

### OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

*George R. Grant*

*John E. Jordan*

*Ernest C. Ober*

Secretary

Chairman

### TREASURER AND COLLECTOR

*Carlo A. Ninfì*

### ASSESSORS

*Pearl Bordeaux*

*Joseph W. Small*

*Harry C. Grant*

### TOWN CLERK

*L. Lawrie Holmes*

## APPOINTIVE TOWN OFFICERS

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### TOWN MANAGER

A. H. Curtis

### INSPECTORS OF PLUMBING

Earl Coston

Everett G. Jordan

### FIRE CHIEFS

Lawrence Flye\*

Donald Peters\*

Marvin Bryant\*

Chauncey D. Somes\*

\*Deputy Fire Wardens

### ENGINE DRIVERS

Carlton A. Taylor

Lester Hartford

Kenneth M. Taylor

Robert DeRevere

Burnard L. Holmes

Paul Walton

## FIRE WARDEN

Woodbury A. Stanley

## STATE DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS

Fred M. Barnes, East Holden

Horace W. Remick, Ellsworth

## POLICE DUTY

Orville C. Bartlett\*

Eugene Merchant

Chauncey L. Somes

Elmer Meader

Harry C. Grant

\*Serves as Dog Constable

## CONSTABLES

Fred Kimball

Roy Jenkins

Orville C. Bartlett

Harry C. Grant

Loren E. Kimball, Jr.

Elmer T. Meader

Carleton A. Taylor

King T. Meader, Jr.

Eugene Merchant

C. R. E. Gillett

Maurice Smith, Jr.

Sidney Robbins

Sans Varnum

Kenneth M. Taylor

## CONSTABLES TO SERVE WITH FIRE DEPT.

King T. Meader, Jr.

Elmer Green

Ralph Holland

Elmer T. Meader

George Korkmazian

## HEALTH OFFICER

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

## INSPECTOR OF MILK

Frederick J. Iveney

## COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE

Lucy A. Barker, R.N.

## SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND BARK

Howard F. Jenkins

ThurLOW Hanna

Fred MacKenzie

## EXAMINER OF STEAM BOILER OPERATORS

Frederick Blanchard

## HARBORMASTERS

Andrew Kennedy

Pearl Clement

## HARBOR COMMITTEE

Maurice Burr, Chairman

Marvin Bryant

Farnham Butler

Gordon Falt

Carlo A. Ninf

## MEMBERS OF THE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE

Charles K. Savage, *Chairman*

### *Residents*

James P. Bunker

Maurice H. Burr

E. Farnham Butler

Edward C. Clement

Robert F. DeRevere

Robert E. Garrity

O. C. Nutting

Ernest T. Richardson

Gerald D. Richardson

John W. Somes

J. Clifford Walls

Jerome Knowles, Jr.

### *Summer Residents*

William A. M. Burden

Percy Clark

Jarvis Cromwell

Charles Dicky

Walter H. Gilpatric

Chauncey McCormick

Gilbert H. Montague

John J. O'Brien

Edgar Allen Poe

Isaac Roberts

Tertius Van Dyke

Alexander Yarnell

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Paul J. Brown

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Dr. Ernest L. Coffin (1955)

Horace E. Bucklin (1956)

John H. Manchester (1954)

## SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEES

Arthur W. McCrae (1956)

Roy Salisbury (1957)

Gerald D. Richardson (1954)

Chauncey D. Somes (1955)

Horace E. Bucklin (School Board Member)

## REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

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This Annual Report was prepared by coordinated efforts of the various departments or unit heads. Photo credits should be given to Mr. Roy Salisbury.

Graphs were prepared at the Town Office.

The copy for this report was typed by the following members of the high school commercial class under the capable direction of Mrs. Ralph Savage:

Marilyn Sherer, Pauline Kelley, Sonja Stanley, Ida Jenkins, Dorene Kimball, Jacqueline Adams, Nancy Leland and Stephen Miller.

Once again the individual listing of minor purchases continues to increase the total page count in our report. Printing costs are up and fifteen or twenty extra pages help boost the cost in the vicinity of from \$75 to \$100. This type of presentation, involving extra work by the Collector-Treasurer, comes at a time when the State Auditor is here checking the Town's books.

The Town is fortunate in having the services of the Collector-Treasurer, Mr. Ninfi, whose long experience is a definite asset. His faith and continued persistence definitely helped in enabling the Town's securing a \$150,000 dollar federal appropriation for dredging and work on the Harbor project.

In the Assessment Division there was a slight increase in valuation during the 1953 year. Property transfers, new buildings, and extensive remodeling operations have taken place and the tax revenue picture looks brighter.

The Police Department again served long hours in order to provide adequate coverage. Additional training of men is necessary and one or two men should attend Police Schools in the area. Additional coverage could be attained by a radio-equipped patrol car during the summer

months. More traffic signs were erected at dangerous intersections during the year.

This year all Fire Departments were supplied with monthly budget reports—thereby keeping them up-to-date with their expenditures and balances. The effort paid off, as in the four departments there was just one company which had an overdraft of fifteen dollars. Group purchasing of fire equipment effected savings for the fire departments. The fire chiefs have increased the number of fire drills thereby providing trained men at all fires. In certain dry areas, water reservoirs have been constructed and better protection has been made available. One company has instituted a system of zoning and marking an area where many camps, some of which were rented, made fire reporting meaningless. Now the camp owner or tenant reports his fire by code number which pinpoints the location.

The Refuse Collection Department rendered good service during the year. Increased costs made it necessary to reschedule our service to a better utilization of men and equipment.

The Health Department had a busy year. Our Mrs. Barker gave of her time in her usual manner. The many good deeds she does during the year should be recognized. New testing equipment gives a better method of finding physical defects in the early stages. Our thanks should be given to our two attending physicians, Dr. Cameron and Dr. Coffin.

The Highway Division, favored by excellent weather, did substantially complete all of its 1953 projects. The roads were examined individually and a recommendation forwarded to the Selectmen, Roads Committee, Finance Committee, the Whole Warrant Committee, and finally to the people.

There is an attempt to put highway planning over a longer period of time. Overall goals should be set up and worked out.



The State built approximately four miles of highway from Babson's Bridge southward towards Sargeant Drive on Route 198.

The Bridge Division of the State replaced the old Stanley Brook Bridge with a new concrete structure.

There is a great need for qualified personnel to help carry out the highway program.

A word about the Town Landing is in order. Apparently the services we make available to visiting yachtsmen is the talk of the Atlantic Coast. One yachtsman made a special trip here to express his appreciation to the Chamber of Commerce. Additional floats and facilities are needed and will be provided in the future.

With the granting of federal funds for the dredging of Northeast Harbor, the Town had a special town meeting authorizing the borrowing of \$100,000 for the construction of a bulkhead and pier for the equal use of pleasure and commercial craft.

On the whole it is believed our economic outlook is brighter than in previous years. There has been a directed effort towards the securing of a stabilized economy. The formation of the Mt. Desert Development Corporation was accomplished with increasing financial and morale support of both the summer residents and Island's residents. This organization is new but is well-organized and eventually it will produce the desired results in solving some of our seasonal work problems.

Our Town has many varied problems which cannot readily be solved. I have tried but have been unsuccessful in too many instances. Some of the problems cannot be resolved without the acquisition of new trained personnel. Some problems can be resolved by better administration, planning, and cooperation. There are few problems which cannot be solved thru cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur H. Curtis.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

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State of Maine  
STATE DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT  
Augusta

February 8, 1954

Mr. Carlo Ninfi, Treasurer  
Town of Mount Desert  
Northeast Harbor, Maine

Dear Sir:

This letter confirms your conversation with Mr. Carl Hawes of this department relative to the report of audit of the financial records of the Town of Mount Desert covering the 1953/54 municipal year.

We are indeed sorry not to be able to accommodate by having the work finished so that excerpts from the audit report might be printed in your annual report for 1953/54. While this information is desirable, nevertheless, the Legislature recognized the extreme difficulty of fulfilling an exacting schedule and enacted a law which only requires the printing of excerpts from the last audit report. (Chapter 361, Public Laws of 1947.)

We hope you readily appreciate our position in the matter and will understand that the pressure of town business at this time of year does not permit prompt completion of all audits for municipalities which request them.

If you desire you may print this letter in the annual report so that the taxpayers of Mount Desert will understand the reason for the delay.

Very truly yours,

Fred M. Berry,  
State Auditor

FMB:lf

## COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1953

## ASSETS

	Dec. 31 1952	Dec. 31 1953
Cash	\$ 41,327.22	\$ 42,716.86
Petty Cash	50.00	50.00
1953 Taxes	0.00	4,049.33
1952 Taxes	4,349.80	1,661.02
1951 Taxes	2,064.99	1,534.24
1950 Taxes	109.72	48.90
1949 Taxes	100.17	48.23
1948 Taxes	107.40	51.60
1947 Taxes	85.57	39.83
1946 Taxes	70.17	41.18
1945 Taxes	38.79	31.73
1944 Taxes	37.12	30.37
1943 Taxes	4.75	0.00
1942 Taxes	5.31	0.00
1941 Taxes	6.50	0.00
Sheriff Deeds	7,539.34	904.96
Trust Funds:		
Asticou Terraces Trust Cash	2,000.00	2,000.00
Cemetery Trust Cash	1,100.00	1,100.00
Bond Sinking Fund:		
Payment of Bonds Invested Cash	20,600.00	16,600.00
Accounts Receivable:		
State of Maine, Beech Hill Road	520.80	0.00
State of Maine, State Aid Road	0.00	2,932.00
State of Maine, Unimproved Roads	2,765.20	3,734.00
State of Maine, Poor Relief	73.85	36.50
Education:		
School Apparatus and Equipment		
Non-Lapsed Overdraft	0.00	20.00
School Insurance, Non-Lapsed Over-		
draft	73.57	0.00
School Lunch, Non-Lapsed Over-		
draft	390.00	0.00
School Repair Account, Non-Lapsed		
Overdraft	218.92	0.00

## Unclassified::

Dane Estate Tax Settlement	1,020.00	0.00
New Gas Shovel, Non-Lapsed		
Overdraft	0.00	11,718.03
Refuse Collection, Non-Lapsed		
Overdraft	402.32	0.00
1953 Gravel Stockpile	1,162.65	0.00
Total Assets	\$ 86,224.16	\$ 89,428.78
Net Town Debt, Dec. 31, 1953	10,476.25	10,629.80
	\$ 96,700.41	\$100,058.58

### LIABILITIES

	Dec. 31 1952	Dec. 31 1953
Bonds Payable	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Payment of Bonds Invested Reserve	20,600.00	16,600.00
Asticou Terraces Trust Reserve	2,000.00	2,000.00
Cemetery Trust Funds Reserve	1,100.00	1,100.00
1954 Excise Taxes	0.00	2,090.80
1953 Excise Taxes	1,638.86	0.00
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	309.22	217.48
Unexpended Balances:		
Aid to Dependent Children	2,302.77	2,307.23
Aid to Veterans	1,593.00	1,546.40
Administration	631.65	228.02
Asticou Terraces Trust Income Acct.	0.00	25.00
Compensation	1,196.26	167.29
Fire Chief's Expense	142.41	137.21
Fire Departments	0.00	687.57
Fire Hose Fund	650.00	1,300.00
Fire Labor Fund	980.06	950.06
Fire Water Holes	1,144.58	0.00
Firemen's Insurance	76.80	1.95
Fleet Insurance	0.00	284.26
General Road Fund	3,298.27	5,825.01
Gilman High School Building	0.00	779.62
Harbor Project	6,130.12	8,624.69
Harborside Road Fund	10,000.00	15,000.00
Health Department	383.63	406.81
High School Parking Area and Grounds	444.62	519.89
Interest	125.54	246.86

Municipal Building Maintenance	210.27	443.07
Northeast Harbor Landing	229.30	149.06
Ordinances Revision	0.00	250.00
Payment of Bonds	173.06	0.00
Police Department	381.01	0.00
Poor Relief	2,978.14	3,613.69
Refuse Collection and Disposal	0.00	208.06
School Accounts:		
Apparatus and Equipment	485.63	0.00
Athletic Field	85.34	22.74
General School Fund	7,643.75	3,662.01
New School Bus Fund	4,000.00	5,000.00
Office Expense	0.00	105.15
School Insurance	0.00	134.98
School Repairs	0.00	1,804.19
Seal Harbor Beach and Green	0.00	140.15
Seal Harbor Landing	180.06	1,344.37
Sewers and Pumping Station Maint.	3,617.80	5,491.50
Somesville Dam	171.68	0.00
Somesville Sidewalk	1,796.58	0.00
Street Lighting	0.00	643.41
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	\$ 96,700.41	\$100,058.58

# SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS DROPPED

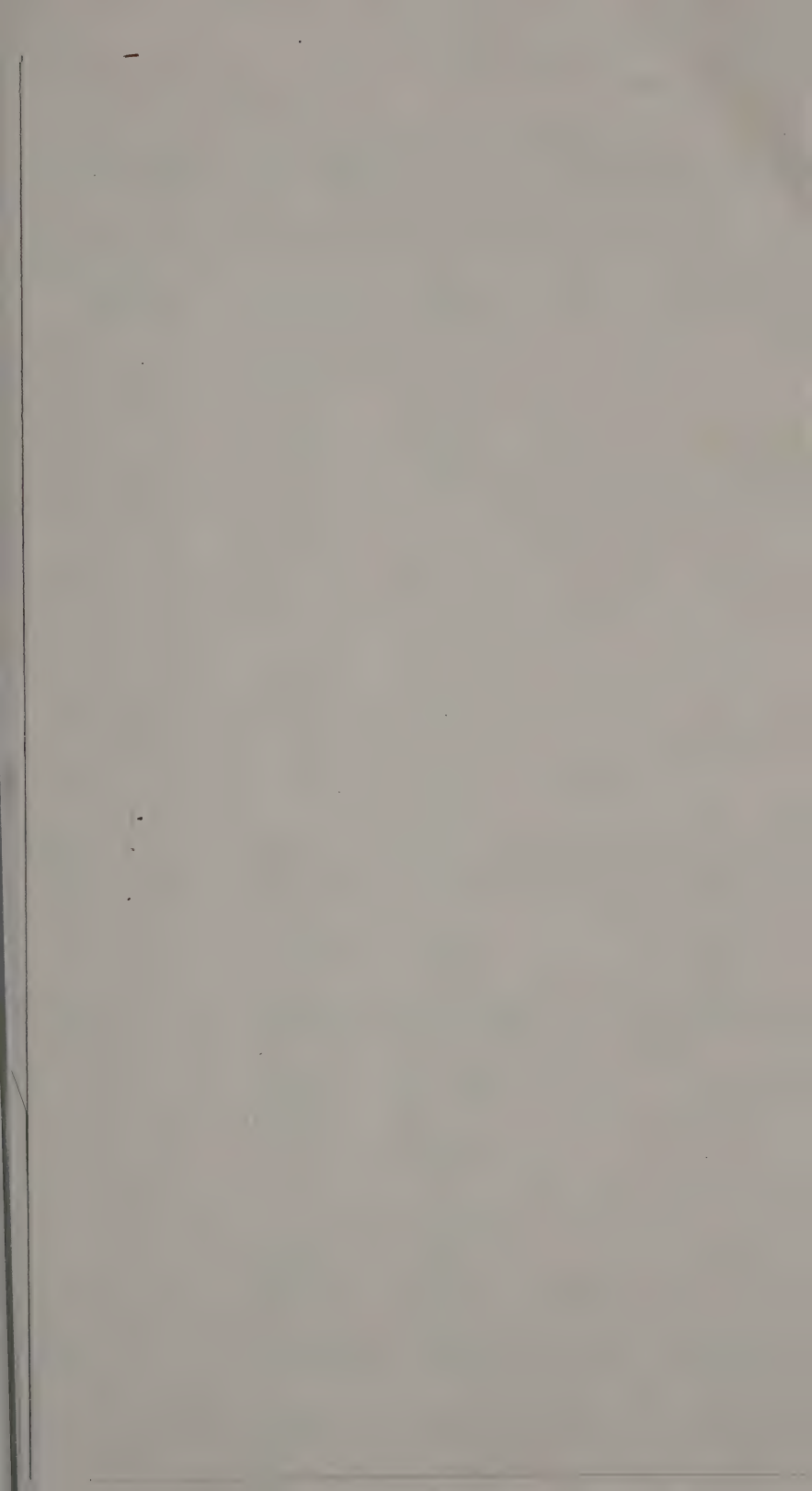
December 31, 1953

	Overdrafts	Unexpended
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Police Department	211.70	
Payment of Bonds		173.06
Overlay		1,241.74
Somesville Dam		171.68
Supplementary Taxes		136.50
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Unexpended to Net Town Debt	1,389.09	
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## PROOF OF CHANGE IN NET DEBT

Net Debt, December 31, 1952		\$ 10,476.25
Transfer from Sheriff Deeds Sales		5,634.38
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Less:		
Bonds Paid	\$ 4,000.00	
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	91.74	
Unexpended Summary Balance	1,389.09	5,480.83
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Net Town Debt, December 31, 1953		\$ 10,629.80
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**TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT**  
**STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS**  
**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1953**

	Balances 1/1/53	Appro- priations	Cash Receipts	Other Credits	Total Available	Cash Disbursements	Other Charges	Transfers	Netting Journals	BALANCES LAPSED Overdrafts Unexpended	Balances Forward
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>											
Administration	\$ 631.65	\$ 7,314.00	\$	\$	\$ 7,945.65	\$ 8,578.20	\$	\$	\$ *860.57	\$	\$ 228.02
Finance and Accounts		6,150.00			6,150.00	5,946.17	762.88		*559.05		
Elections and Registration		450.00			250.00	194.19			55.81		
Contingent		400.00	1,819.73		2,219.73	855.92			1,363.81		443.07
Municipal Building Maintenance	210.27	1,347.00			1,557.27	1,114.20					
	\$ 841.92	\$ 15,461.00	\$ 1,819.73	\$	\$ 18,122.65	\$ 16,688.68	\$ 762.88	\$	\$	\$	\$ 671.09
<b>PROTECTION</b>											
Firemen's Blanket Insurance	76.80	124.00			200.80	198.85					1.95
Police Department	381.01	3,969.00	24.90		4,374.91	4,578.87			7.74	211.70	643.41
Street Lighting		5,700.00			5,700.00	5,056.59					137.21
Fire Chiefs' Expenses	142.41				142.41	5.20					687.57
Northeast Harbor Fire Dept.		6,880.00	44.00		6,924.00	6,919.01			682.58		
Otter Creek Fire Dept.		558.00			558.00	392.16			165.84		
Seal Harbor Fire Dept.		1,340.00			1,340.00	1,140.46			199.54		
Somesville Fire Dept.		1,375.00			1,375.00	1,018.54			356.46		
Fire Hose Fund	650.00	500.00	150.00		1,300.00						1,300.00
Fire Labor Fund	980.06				980.06	30.00					950.06
Fire Water Holes	1,144.58	550.00			1,694.58	1,521.77			295.00	122.19	
Somesville Dam	171.68				171.68					171.68	
	\$ 3,546.54	\$ 20,996.00	\$ 218.90	\$	\$ 24,761.44	\$ 20,861.45	\$	\$	\$ 342.00	\$ 333.89	\$ 171.68
											\$ 3,720.20
<b>HEALTH AND SANITATION</b>											
Refuse	*402.32	12,511.00	16.50		12,125.18	11,344.37			572.75		208.06
Health Department	383.63	1,116.00	19.80		1,519.43	1,112.62					406.81
Pumping Station & Sewer Maintenance	3,617.80	2,500.00	159.50		6,277.30	763.57			22.23		5,491.50
	\$ 3,599.11	\$ 16,127.00	\$ 195.80	\$	\$ 19,921.91	\$ 13,220.56	\$	\$	\$ 594.98	\$	\$ 6,106.37
<b>HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES</b>											
General Road Fund	3,298.27	53,974.00	2,227.71		59,499.98	52,479.41		*10,785.92	11,981.48		5,825.01
Gasoline, Oil and Etc.			207.04		207.04	6,650.27			*6,443.23		
Gilpatrick Lane		2,500.00			2,500.00	4,808.55			2,308.55		
1953 Gravel Stockpile	*1,162.65				*1,162.65				*1,162.65		
Beech Hill Road	*520.80		520.80								15,000.00
Harborside Road Fund	10,000.00	5,000.00			15,000.00				*3,275.00		*11,798.03
New Gas Shovel Purchase		2,000.00	240.00		2,240.00	17,313.03			*1,128.27		
Somesville Sidewalk	1,796.58		63.75		1,860.33	2,988.60			*357.03		
State Aid Road		3,000.00		2,932.00	5,932.00	6,289.03			281.19		
Unimproved Roads				3,734.00	3,734.00	3,452.81					
	\$ 13,411.40	\$ 66,474.00	\$ 3,259.30	\$ 6,666.00	\$ 89,810.70	\$ 93,981.70	\$	\$*10,785.92	\$ *2,412.06	\$	\$ 9,026.98
<b>CHARITIES</b>											
Poor Relief	2,978.14	2,775.00	221.03		5,974.17	2,360.48					3,613.69
State Poor				36.50	36.50	36.50					2,307.28
Aid to Dependent Children	2,302.77	2,698.00			5,000.77	2,693.49					1,546.40
Aid to Veterans	1,593.00		129.89		1,722.89	176.49					
	\$ 6,873.91	\$ 5,473.00	\$ 350.92	\$ 36.50	\$ 12,734.33	\$ 5,266.96	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 7,467.37
<b>EDUCATION</b>											
Common and Secondary Schools	7,643.75	81,086.00	17,602.76		106,332.51	100,223.17			2,447.33		3,662.01
New School Bus Fund	4,000.00				4,000.00				*1,000.00		5,000.00
School Office Expense					200.00	94.85					105.15
Apparatus and Equipment	485.63	861.00			1,346.63	1,366.63					*20.00
School Repair Account	*218.92	5,218.00	12.00		5,011.08	3,206.89					1,804.19
Superintendent's Salary & Expenses		2,200.00			2,200.00	2,200.00					
School Insurance	*73.57	2,900.00			2,826.43	2,691.45					134.98
School Lunch Program	*390.00	1,400.00			1,010.00	1,010.00					
Kindergartens		550.00			550.00	550.00					
Athletic Field	85.34	100.00			185.34	158.14			4.46		22.74
High School Parking Area & Grounds	444.62	1,055.00			1,499.62	979.73					519.18
School District		23,800.00			23,800.00	23,800.00					
Gilman High School Building		1,000.00			1,000.00	220.38					779.62
	\$ 11,976.85	\$ 120,370.00	\$ 17,614.76	\$	\$ 149,961.61	\$ 136,501.24	\$	\$	\$ 1,451.79	\$	\$ 12,008.58
<b>LIBRARY</b>											
Aid to Libraries		2,000.00	126.00		2,126.00	2,126.00					
<b>INTEREST</b>											
General	125.54		409.00		534.54	583.33			*295.65		246.86
On Taxes			295.65		295.65				295.68		
	\$ 125.54	\$	\$ 704.65	\$	\$ 830.19	\$ 583.33	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 246.86
<b>MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS</b>											
Payment on Bonds	173.06			4,000.00	4,173.06	4,000.00					173.06
<b>SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS</b>											
County Tax		10,996.45			10,996.45	10,996.45					
<b>UNCLASSIFIED</b>											
Overlay		1,241.74			1,241.74						1,241.74
Supplemental Taxes				136.50	136.50						136.50
Excise Taxes			11,237.86		11,237.86		491.94	10,785.92			
Advertising		2,500.00			2,500.00	2,500.00					
Compensation	1,196.26	204.00			1,400.26	1,232.97					167.29
Dane Estate Tax Settlement	*1,020.00	1,020.00									284.26
Fleet Insurance		1,000.00	98.58		1,098.58	814.32					8,624.69
Harbor Project	6,130.12	2,735.00			8,865.12	240.43					
Information Bureau		378.00			378.00	378.00					
Memorial Expenses		50.00			50.00	50.00					
Ordinances Revision		500.00			500.00	250.00					250.00
Northeast Harbor Town Landing	229.30	2,695.00			2,924.30	2,751.95			23.29		149.06
Seal Harbor Town Landing	180.06	1,585.00			1,765.30	420.69					1,344.37
Seal Harbor Village Green & Beach		1,200.00			1,200.00	1,059.85					140.15
Employees Retirement System		2,750.00	2,138.64		4,888.64	4,884.64					
	\$ 6,715.74	\$ 17,358.74	\$ 13,475.08	\$ 136.50	\$ 38,186.06	\$ 14,586.85	\$ 451.94	\$ 10,785.92	\$ 23.29	\$	\$ 1,378.24
											\$ 10,959.82
<b>Excess of Available Funds</b>											
Over Expenditures											
	\$ 47,264.07	\$ 275,756.19	\$ 37,765.14	\$ 10,839.00	\$ 371,624.40	\$ 318,813.22	\$ 1,214.82	\$	\$	\$ 1,722.98	\$ 1,722.98
<b>TOTAL ALL DEPARTMENTS</b>											\$ 50,207.27

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## REPORT OF TREASURER

December 31, 1953

Cash on Hand, December 31, 1952 \$ 41,327.22

*Taxes:*

Bank Stock Tax	\$ 1,408.90
Contingent, Mis. Receipts	51.04
Dog Tax Refund	70.52
Excise Taxes, 1953	9,147.06
Excise Taxes, 1954	2,090.80
Property and Poll, Current Year	271,706.86
Property and Poll, Prior Year	3,493.19
Railroad, Telephone and Tel. Tax	73.82
Supplementary Taxes	136.50

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\$288,178.69
*Education:*

Library Books	\$ 126.00
Manual Training Sales	213.00
Rentals, School Gym	12.00
Sales, Refunds, Etc.	138.20
Special Subsidy	1,158.81
State School Fund	16,043.75
Tuition	49.00

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\$ 17,740.76
*Protection:*

Ambulance, Tel. Calls, Etc.	\$ 28.95
Extinguishers Refills	1.75
Fire Hose Sales	150.00
Insurance Refund	98.58
Misc. Tel. Calls	13.30
Police Duty, Etc.	24.90

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\$ 317.48
*Health and Sanitation:*

Health Dept., (Medicine Refund)	\$ 19.80
Refuse, (Sale of Materials, Etc.)	16.50
Sewers, (Use of Equipment)	159.50

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\$ 195.80
*Charities:*

Poor Relief	\$ 221.03
State Poor	73.85



Veterans, Aid to	129.89	
	<hr/>	\$ 424.77
<i>Highways:</i>		
Back Hoe Rental	\$ 240.00	
Gas, Oil, Etc.	207.04	
Misc. Receipts	55.35	
Sale of Materials	463.11	
Snow Removal	1,332.90	
Unimproved Roads, (1952 Reim-		
bursment	3,286.00	
Use of Equipment	440.10	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,024.50
<i>Interest:</i>		
Asticou Terraces	\$ 25.00	
Bond Sinking Fund	409.00	
Cemetery Trust Funds	16.54	
Taxes	295.65	
	<hr/>	\$ 746.19
<i>Municipal Indebtedness:</i>		
Payment of Bonds	\$ 4,000.00	
Temporary Loans	20,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 24,000.00
<i>Unclassified:</i>		
Employees Retirement Fund	\$ 2,138.64	
Sale of Property	199.45	
Sheriff Deeds	1,000.00	
Teachers' Retirement fund	3,217.05	
Victualers Licenses	16.00	
Withholding Taxes	12,238.80	
	<hr/>	\$ 18,809.94
Total Receipts		\$356,438.13
Cash on Hand, December 31, 1952		41,327.22
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Total Available		\$397,765.35
Total Warrants Paid		355,048.49
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Cash on Hand, December 31, 1953		\$ 42,716.86
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On May 5th, 1953 the tax commitment was received from the Assessors in the amount of \$275,756.19, which was an increase of \$700.63 over the 1952 commitment. Tax Collections for 1953 amounted to 98.53% of the total commitment. The uncollected balance as of December 31, 1953 was \$4,049.33. At the proper time liens will be placed against all unpaid real estate taxes.

The Bodman Estate which has been owned for several years was sold in July. It has now been repaired, painted and the grounds improved making it possible for the Town to regain lost tax revenue.

1953 was the largest revenue ever received from excise taxes amounting to \$10,785.92, collected from 1,079 excise tax receipts. This amounted to \$1,236.76 over 1952.

The National Shawmut Bank of Boston was paid \$4,000.00 from the Bond Sinking Fund leaving a balance of \$16,000.00. The interest from the invested Treasury Bonds and interest on taxes was used along with the 1952 balance to meet interest obligations on the Bonds Payable.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Carlo A. Ninfi,

*Treasurer and Collector.*

## SUMMARY OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES

December 31, 1953

Year	Uncollected Dec. 31, 1952	Commitment 1953	Credits 1953	Uncollected Dec. 31, 1953
1953	\$ 0.00	\$275,756.19	\$271,706.86	\$ 4,049.33
1952	4,349.80		2,688.78	1,661.02
1951	2,064.99		530.75	1,534.24
1950	109.72		60.82	48.90
1949	100.17		51.94	48.23
1948	107.40		55.80	51.60
1947	85.57		45.74	39.83
1946	70.17		28.99	41.18
1945	38.79		7.06	31.73
1944	37.12		6.75	30.37
1943	4.75		4.75	0.00
1942	5.31		5.31	0.00
1941	6.50		6.50	0.00
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	\$ 6,980.29	\$275,756.19	\$275,200.05	\$ 7,536.43

## PROOF OF SUMMARY

Commitment	\$275,756.19
Uncollected, December 31, 1952	6,980.29
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	\$282,736.48
Less Tax Credit, 1953	\$275,200.05
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Uncollected, December 31, 1953	\$ 7,536.43
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	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1943	1947	1946	1945	1944
Walls, Greeley, Jr.	21.09									
Walls, Heirs of Greeley	11.39									
Walls, Milton	47.89									
Walls, Samuel	3.00	3.00	3.00							
Walls, Heirs of Samuel and Emma	30.15									
Watson, Charles	3.00									
Watson, Charles and Clara	12.73									
Watson, Cuyler Tripp and Kenneth E. Tripp	8.04									
Watson, Winfield	18.09									
Wood, Clyde	3.67									
Wood, James W.	6.03									
Young, Heirs of Charles P.	11.39									
	4049.33	1661.02	1534.24	43.90	48.23	51.60	38.83	41.18	31.73	30.37

## ASSESSORS' REPORT

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Joseph W. Small, Chairman  
 Pearl Bordeaux                      Harry C. Grant

Expenditures:    \$2,789.53

Employees:  
 Part Time    3

In this division the tax rolls and assessments kept up-to-date through contacts with an annual house to house canvass, the Registry of Deeds, the Town Records and the annual declaration of personal lists.

As required by State Law, the annual house to house canvass started on April 2 and was finished on April 16.

The Tax Roll was committed to the Tax Collector on May 5, 1953.

The records in our office are open at all times and citizens are invited to come in and study our assessing methods.

Attention is called to R. S. Chapter 19, Section 55 of the laws of the State of Maine which relates in substance that a motor vehicle left in Maine all year round owned by a non-resident is subject to Maine registration. Registration in Maine requires payment of excise tax paid to town where car is used and stored. If such excise tax is not paid by April 1st, the vehicle is taxable as personal property.

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### VALUATION APRIL 1, 1953

Value of Buildings, Resident	\$ 560,225.00
Value of Buildings, Non-Resident	1,727,150.00
Value of Land, Resident	327,870.00
Value of Land, Non-Resident	1,115,660.00
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Total Value of Real Estate	\$3,775,905.00

Value of Personal Estate, Resident	83,660.00	
Value of Personal Estate, Non-Resident	229,410.00	
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Total Value of Personal Estate		\$ 313,070.00
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Total Valuation, April 1, 1953		\$4,088,975.00
1953 Tax Commitment:		
Appropriations	\$239,718.00	
School District, Assessed	23,800.00	
County Tax	10,996.45	
Overlay	1,241.74	
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Total Tax Commitment		\$275,756.19
Increase in Valuation	\$ 10,290.00	
Number of Polls—598		
Tax Rate—\$67.00 per \$1,000.00		
Town Debt Limit Under State Law	204,448.75	
Town Bonded Debt, December 31, 1953	16,000.00	

## ADMINISTRATION

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Paid:

*Selectmen and Expenses:*

Grant, George R.	\$ 240.00
Jordan, John E.	215.36
Ober, Ernest C.	200.00

\$ 655.36

*Assessors' Services:*

Bordeaux, Pearl S.	\$ 776.25
Grant, Harry C.	513.00
Small, Joseph W.	803.25

\$ 2,092.50

*Assessors' Expenses:*

Bar Harbor Times Pub. Co.	\$ 7.00
Bordeaux, Pearl	140.97
Grant, Harry	51.05
Hancock County Reg. of Deeds	60.00
Jowdry, Margaret	110.00
Marks Printing House	249.98
Merrifield, C. D.	1.00
Murrell, Maurice	0.35
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co.	51.66
Small, Joseph	25.02

\$ 697.03

Town Manager's Salary	4,500.00
Town Manager's Expenses	250.00
Legal Expenses	217.81
Town Clerk and Expenses	165.50

## FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

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Treasurer, Collector and Accountant	\$ 3,800.00
Printing	746.60
Bonds	125.00
Audit	174.22
<i>Office Expense:</i>	
Bains'	\$ 8.49
Bangor Office Supply Co.	1.25
Bar Harbor Times Pub. Co.	35.75
Burroughs Adding Machine Co.	11.58

Cameron, Joan	11.00	
Foster, Ann	20.00	
Grindle, Barbara	15.00	
Holmes, Wm. S., (Postmaster)	123.86	
Makepeace, B. L. Inc.	9.91	
Marks Printing House	90.73	
McGaven, Francis	7.27	
Merrifield, C. D.	57.71	
Murrell, Maurice	7.85	
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co.	594.77	
Ninfi, Carlo	1.39	
Ober, Ernest C.	19.05	
Salisbury, Marion	24.00	
Sawyer, J. H.	5.45	
Sherman's Book & Stationery	0.79	
Smith, Charles	1.50	
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Abatements, Tax Collector		\$ 1,047.35
Sealer of Weights and Measures		\$ 762.88
		\$ 53.00

### CONTINGENT

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#### *Miscellaneous Expenses:*

Bains'	\$ 3.64
Bar Harbor Times Pub. Co.	18.50
Bordeaux, Pearl	10.53
Bracy, Lewis	3.00
Bucklin, H. E.	3.31
Burroughs Add. Machine Co.	30.10
Cameron, Joan	9.00
Carter, Calvin	7.00
Conary, Henry Jr.	8.00
Curtis, A. H.	96.87
Forrest Hill Society	9.00
Grant, Harry	58.20
Grindle, Barbara	4.00
Holmes, William S.	0.55
Kelley, Carl	16.00
Kimball, Fred	25.00
Knowles, Company	157.50
Lakin's Express	13.12
Leonard, William	11.00
Long Island Plantation	8.54

Management Inf. Bureau	20.00
Maine Municipal Association	45.00
Maine State Retirement System	43.84
Makepeace, B. L. Inc.	50.18
Mount Desert Yacht Yard	2.50
Murray, William	1.13
National Shawmut Bank of Boston	0.78
Ninfi, Carlo	37.42
Reynolds, Eleanor	18.50
Robbins, Sidney	4.00
Small, Joseph	15.04
Smith, Charles	3.50
Socony-Vacuum Oil Co.	13.77
Solari, Frederick	8.00
Spank, Theodore	6.00
Sullivan, George	6.00
Taylor Bros.	40.50
Taylor, Carlton	3.00
Thayer's Photo Shop	0.95
Tower, Fred L. Co.	12.80
Town House	7.85
Tracy, S. R. Est.	15.30
U. S. Auto & Truck Guide	7.00
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	\$ 855.92

### ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

#### *Town Meeting:*

Ballot Clerks	\$ 48.00
General Expense	64.69
Moderator	50.00
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	\$ 162.69

#### *Special Meeting:*

General Expense	\$ 31.50
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	\$ 16,337.36
Unexpended, December 31, 1953	228.02
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	\$ 16,565.38

Appropriation	\$ 14,114.00
Balance, 1952	631.65



## Received:

Bank Stock Tax	1,408.90
Dog Licenses Refund	70.52
Misc. Receipts	51.04
Railroad, Tel. and Tel. Tax	73.82
Sale of Real Estate	199.45
Victualer's Licenses	16.00

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\$ 16,565.38

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## MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Fuel	\$ 569.68
Insurance	112.00
Lights and Power	164.45

*Repairs:*

Bragg, N. H. & Sons	\$ 20.18
Brown, F. T. Co.	1.70
Bucklin, H. E.	12.91
Stanley, W. A.	15.38
Tracy, S. R. Est.	38.10
- Wallace, C. E.	71.38

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\$ 159.65

*Supplies:*

Brown, F. T. Co.	2.26
Bucklin, H. E.	0.36
Downs, William E.	24.25
Hill Jewelry Co.	5.00
Manchester Bros.	0.25
Murrell, Maurice	5.07
Ober, Ernest	3.48
Ober, O. M. Co.	60.35
Pine Tree Market	1.05
Stanley, W. A.	6.35

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\$ 108.42

Unexpended, December 31, 1953

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\$ 1,114.20

443.07

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\$ 1,557.27

Appropriation	\$ 1,347.00	
Balance, 1952	210.27	
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		\$ 1,557.27

### STREET LIGHTING

Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.	\$ 5,056.59	
Unexpended, December 31, 1953	643.41	
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		\$ 5,700.00
Appropriation	<hr/>	\$ 5,700.00
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## POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Expenditures: \$4,586.61

Employees:  
Part Time 5

Our police furnish protection to our four villages during a nine-week summer season. Some areas have nearly 24-hour a day coverage while others do not. One means of giving greater coverage would be by having a radio-equipped patrol car.

Before assuming their duties for the season our police were given manuals of instruction and training sessions were held in cooperation with the Bar Harbor Police Department. More instruction is needed, but it is a step in the right direction.

Being a policeman is not an easy job and great care should be taken in the selection of the man. He should have a set of rules and regulations to carry out and should enforce them. He must exercise a great deal of discretion and oft times he takes many a verbal beating. Remember his is a difficult task and your cooperation on little things might help considerably.

An ordinance revision has been carried out and some of our out-moded ordinances have been brought up-to-date with existing State regulations. Our crime count has dropped over the last year. Cooperation through and with State and County agencies has helped keep the matter in hand.

If at all possible one or more of our policemen should attend the State Police Training School at Orono.

Duty of Officers	\$ 3,929.50
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*General Expense:*

Androscoggin, County of	\$	7.20
Bar Harbor Times Pub. Co.		17.25
French, M. L. and Sons		56.50
Holmes, L. Elrie Co.		120.40
Mount Desert Cleaners		11.20
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co.		1.40

Ober, O. M. Co.	2.80
Sachsman's	8.90
Wood, Howard	0.25

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\$ 225.90

*Traffic Signs:*

Bracy, Lewis	\$ 4.00
Bucklin, H. E.	21.73
Burgess, Fobes Co.	10.77
Conary, Henry	18.00
Cousins, Elmer	49.64
Driscoll, Frederick	4.00
Grindle, Barbara	8.00
Kimball, Fred	136.50
Manchester, Russell	12.00
Minnesota Mining & Mfg. Co.	13.05
Simpson, Charles	15.00
Solari, Frederick	8.00
Soule Glass & Paint Co.	42.87
Stanley, Foye	16.00
Tracy, S. R. Est.	19.00
Wallace, C. E.	44.91

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\$ 423.47

Transfer, to Gas and Oil Account

7.74

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\$ 4,586.61

Appropriation	\$ 3,969.00
Balance, 1952	381.01
Received: (Police Duty, Etc.)	24.90

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\$ 4,374.91

Overdrawn, December 31, 1953

211.70

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\$ 4,586.61

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# SUMMARY FIRE DEPARTMENTS

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## Receipts

Appropriation	\$ 10,153.00	
Ambulance Tel. Calls, Materials	28.95	
Misc. Receipts	13.30	
Refills for Extinguishers	1.75	
Transfer Credit from Refuse Account	29.00	
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		\$ 10,226.00

## \*Expenditures

Northeast Harbor Fire Department	\$ 6,968.10	
Otter Creek Fire Department	394.53	
Seal Harbor Fire Department	1,145.41	
Somesville Fire Department	1,030.39	
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	\$ 9,538.43	
Unexpended, December 31, 1953	687.57	
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		\$ 10,226.00

\*Itemized Accounts of these Expenditures follow:

## NORTHEAST HARBOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Lawrence E. Flye, Chief

Woodbury A. Stanley, Co-Chief

Expenditures: \$6,968.10

Employees:

Full Time 2

Part Time 1

Practice Drills 2

Call Men 35

There were eleven fire calls answered during the year under the following classifications:

1 Building Fire, assistance run to Mt. Desert

3 Chimney Fires.

3 Grass Fires.

1 Brush Fire.

1 Assistance run to Seal Harbor.

This year has been an exceptional one in the low fire count reported in Northeast Harbor. So far there has been little loss to the property owners. This may not always be the case.

It is an excellent idea to periodically check your chimney for an excess of creosote, or the accumulation of junk and inflammable materials in closets, attics, and cellars. Electric wiring can be one of the worst causes of fire because of frayed cords, bare wires, outlet boxes which spark and snap when cords are plugged in. Kitchen and parlor oil stoves should be cleaned **often** and checked for proper oil level to assure economy as well as safety. Homes, with wooden shingles, and having fireplaces should have a cinderscreen over the chimney outlet. The grass burning program in the spring is a very valuable community project and it should have the backing of citizens and firemen alike.

The ambulance has made 119 trips covering a distance of 11,232 miles. One hundred and twelve trips were made in Maine, six trips in Massachusetts and one trip to New York.



It is tentatively planned to replace this 1950 ambulance within the next year or two.

The fire company realized approximately \$1,000 from the proceeds of its Annual Fire Company Dance, and it wishes to express its appreciation for this fine public response.

Engine Drivers	\$ 5,400.00
Fire Chief	50.00
Fire Labor	200.00
Firemen's Fund	200.00

*New Equipment:*

Blanchard Associates	30.68
Fire Protection Co.	254.68
Hall, Allan	38.00

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\$ 323.36

*Supplies and Maintenance:*

Bangor Roofing & Sheet Metal Co.	4.00
Banks Auto Supply	83.44
Bragg, N. H. & Sons	180.73
Brown, F. T. Co.	10.38
Bucklin, H. E.	2.69
Cousins, Elmer	12.24
Haynes' Express	0.77
Haynes' Garage	10.76
Lakin's Express	10.45
Meador, Elmer	8.00
Nowell, M. E. Glass Co.	54.84
Ober, O. M. Co.	3.96
Stanley, W. A.	20.51
Sudbury Laboratory	12.25
Sunset Garage	4.93

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\$ 419.95

*Telephone, Lights and Power:*

Bangor Hydro-Elec. Co.	102.00
New Eng. Tel. and Tel. Co.	233.70

325.70

Transfer to Gas and Oil Account

49.09

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\$ 6,968.10

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## OTTER CREEK FIRE COMPANY

Donald A. Peters, Chief.

Expenditures: \$394.53

Employees:

Fire Drills: 6

Part Time 2

Call Men 35

During the past year, Otter Creek Fire Company has completed work on the interior of the fire house. Improvements will be added in the future.

The exterior of the fire house was painted by members of the Company.

The new fire reservoir was completed and should so provide adequate protection in that area of the village.

There were seven chimney fires and one brush fire with no damage.

Engine Driver	\$ 50.00
Fire Chief	50.00
Fire Labor	50.00
Firemen's Fund	50.00

*New Equipment:*

Darley, W. S. and Co.	\$ 21.90
Fire Protection Co.	4.75
Hall, Allan	76.00
Railway Express Agency	2.20

104.85

*Supplies and Maintenance:*

Acadia Lunch	\$ 3.88
Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.	27.60
Bragg, N. H. and Sons	7.11
DeRevere, Robert E.	8.68
Fire Protection Co.	33.41
Ober, O. M. Co.	6.63

87.31

87.31

Transfer to General Road Fund for  
Materials

2.37

\$ 394.53

## SEAL HARBOR FIRE COMPANY

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Marvin L. Bryant, Chief.

Expenditures: \$1,145.41

Employees:

Part Time 3

Fire Drills: 4

Call Men 30

The Seal Harbor Fire Company answered 14 calls for chimney fires during the year.

We secured the following articles of new equipment for the Company: Asbestos mittens, hand lights, an aluminum roof ladder and a set of chimney brushes for the cleaning of chimneys.

Repairs were made to the sill of the building on the rear of the fire house.

Monthly classes were held by the department members and members are quite familiar with all phases of firefighting methods.

During the year, the Company burned grass in the areas which were dry and constituted a fire hazard.

We have a faithful responsive volunteer company which has and is able to furnish adequate protection to our village.

Engine Driver	\$ 75.00
Fire Chief	100.00
Fire Labor	125.00
Firemen's Fund	125.00
Fuel	127.21

### *New Equipment:*

Carpenter Mfg. Co.	\$ 39.71
Eastern Fire Equip.	92.70
Fire Protection Co.	38.61
Hall, Allan	97.00
Haynes' Express	0.50

Lakin's Express	1.10	
		269.62
<i>Supplies and Maintenance:</i>		
Bragg, N. H. and Sons	\$ 21.13	
DeRevere, Robert E.	34.60	
Eastern Fire Equip. Co. Inc.	11.80	
Jordan, Everett	11.03	
Norwood, L. E.	78.90	
Railway Express Agency	1.00	
Smallidge, C. M.	33.44	
		191.90
<i>Telephone, Lights and Power:</i>		
Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.	\$ 34.55	
New Eng. Tel. and Tel. Co.	92.18	
		126.73
Transfer to General Road Fund for Materials		4.95
		<u>\$ 1,145.41</u>

## SOMESVILLE FIRE COMPANY

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C. D. Somes, Chief.

Expenditures: \$1,030.39

Employees:

Part Time 2

Fire Drills: 4

Call Men 22

The Fire Company answered five calls during the 1953 season. The calls were as follows:

2 Chimney Fires.

1 Brush Fire.

1 House Fire—total loss.

1 Chicken House Fire—slight damage.

The firemen responded very well for all calls on our house fire, we received very able support from the North-east Harbor Fire Department and were able to confine the fire to a single dwelling thereby saving the surrounding buildings.

A system of marking or listing of dwellings or camps in the Long Pond and Echo Lake area was installed. This system enabled the campers to report a fire by giving a code letter and number, thereby pin pointing the location on the fire map in the fire house.

Each waterhole in the area was given a number for the purpose of having instantaneous location of water sources in case of fire.

The Department wishes to thank the residents for their support and cooperation during the year.

Engine Driver	\$ 50.00
Fire Chief	50.00
Fire Labor	122.50
Firemen's Fund	75.00
Identification Signs	78.17
<i>New Equipment:</i>	
Fire Protection Co.	133.85

Portable Pump, (For Hall Quarry)	207.90
Rent	125.00

*Supplies and Maintenance:*

Bangor, City of	\$ 1.00
Bragg, N. H. and Sons	11.62
Cousins, Elmer	4.08
Eastern Fire Equip. Co.	15.55
Fernald, A. C. Sons	1.53
Higgins, A. V.	4.99
Holmes, L. Elrie Co.	33.00
Lakin's Express	1.65
New Eng. Tel. and Tel. Co.	61.11
Richards, Hoyt and Sons	25.59
Stanley, W. A.	12.00

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 176.12

Transfer to General Road Fund for  
Materials

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 11.85

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 \$ 1,030.39
 

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### FIREMEN'S INSURANCE

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Lyman, Fred C. and Co.	\$ 198.85
Unexpended, December 31, 1953	1.95

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 \$ 200.80

Appropriation	\$ 124.00
Balance, 1952	76.80

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 \$ 200.80
 

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### FIRE CHIEF'S EXPENSE

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Ellsworth, City of	\$ 5.20
Unexpended, December 31, 1953	137.21

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 \$ 142.41

Balance, 1952

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 \$ 142.41
 

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# FIRE LABOR FUND

Fire Labor	\$	30.00	
Unexpended, December 31, 1953		950.06	
			\$ 980.06
Balance, 1952			\$ 980.06

# FIRE WATER HOLES

Labor Charges		\$	880.70
<i>Materials, Etc.:</i>			
Bucklin, H. E.	\$	1.30	
Dunham-Hanson Co.		392.00	
Lakin's Express		11.31	
Musetti, Joseph		99.00	
Wallace, C. E.		22.90	
Walls, Harvey		98.40	
Webber Const. Co.		6.50	
Wilkinson, Homer		9.66	
			\$ 641.07
Transfer to New Shovel for Use			295.00
			\$ 1,816.77
Appropriation	\$	550.00	
Balance, 1952		1,144.58	
			\$ 1,694.58
Overdrawn, December 31, 1953			122.19
			\$ 1,816.77

## REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

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Francis M. McGaven, Foreman.

Expenditures: \$12,319.44

Employees:

Full Time 2

Part Time 6

The municipal refuse collection service operates throughout the year, and is the only service of its kind in the area.

Early in the year the State Legislature passed, as an emergency measure, a bill which prevents the feeding of uncooked garbage to pigs which are being raised for commercial purposes. This act came with no warning and placed an unfair burden on all municipalities who sell their garbage to commercial dealers—as we do. It was necessary to hire for a period an additional man to process the garbage. Such an expenditure was not included in the 1953 budget. This makes it necessary to reschedule collections and cut down on collections and operational help in order to stay within the budget limit.

It is highly possible that the town will have to purchase processing equipment plus the expense of operating same as means of disposal of garbage. A new larger truck should be purchased and placed in use if proposed schedule is to be maintained.

Additional care should be taken in the manner in which the refuse is separated. Keep all garbage clear as possible of paper, glass or tin cans. In the winter time if the garbage cans are stored where it is warm for overnight the bulk of the food particles can be emptied the next day. In order that we may serve you better, notify the Town Office when you want the service started or discontinued. If you are leaving and wish to discontinue service, **please notify the collector in advance of the last day you will want him to call even though it may be after you have departed.**

A schedule of collection routes will be posted twice a year.

## (Refuse Collection)

*General Expense:*

Auto Craft Upholstery Co.	\$	30.00
Bangor Roofing and Sheet Metal Co.		15.00
Bain's		0.85
Banks Auto Supply		79.32
Bar Harbor Times Pub. Co.		48.75
Bean and Conquest, Inc.		1.66
Bragg, N. H. and Sons		94.47
Brown, F. T. Co.		7.06
Bucklin, H. E.		0.77
Eastern Supply and Sales Co.		17.50
Grindle, Barbara		6.50
Haynes' Garage		5.45
Holmes, L. Elrie Co.		21.90
Jordan, Everett		4.90
Lakin's Express		1.10
Noyes, C. E.		92.19
Ober, O. M.		6.01
Sunset Garage		7.65
Tracy, S. R. Est.		1.20
Walls Garage		203.07
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	\$	645.35
Transfer to Northeast Harbor Fire Dept.		
For Materials	\$	29.00
Transfer to Gas & Oil Account for Supplies		543.75
Truck Drivers and Labor Hire		8,438.24

*General Expense:*

Kimball Co.	\$	10.00
MacQuinn, Harold		95.00
Wallace, C. E.		1.30
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	\$	106.30
Labor Hire		2,154.48
Non-Lapsed Overdraft, December 31, 1952		402.32
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	\$	12,319.44
Unexpended, December 31, 1952		208.06
	\$	12,527.50

Appropriation	\$ 12,511.00	
Received: (Sale of Materials and Use of Equipment)	16.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 12,527.50
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## SEWERS AND PUMPING STATION MAINTENANCE

*General Expense:*

Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.	\$ 325.62	
Brown, F. T. Co.	27.28	
Grindle, Theodore	10.00	
Haynes' Garage	8.02	
Jordan, Everett	0.65	
Lakin's Express	15.05	
McDermott, J. F. Co.	23.50	
Ober, O. M. Co.	4.73	
Pollard, Jos. G. Co.	17.99	
Soule Glass and Paint Co.	11.60	
Stanley, W. A.	1.75	
Strout Ford Sales	4.58	
Sunset Garage	1.25	
Wallace, C. E.	18.07	
	<hr/>	\$ 470.09
Labor Hire		293.48
Transfer to Gas and Oil Account		22.23
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		\$ 785.80
Unexpended, December 31, 1953		\$ 5,491.50
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		\$ 6,277.30
Appropriation	\$ 2,500.00	
Balance, 1952	3,617.80	
Received: (for use of equipment)	159.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,277.30
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## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Frederick J. Iveney

Lucy A. Barker

Expenditure: \$1,112.62

Employees:

Part Time 2

Milk sold for local consumption has been inspected periodically by state authorities as prescribed by law.

### PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE REPORT

Lucy A. Barker, R. N.

Public Health Nurse

During the past year, 1,164 visits have been made to 194 persons. About 53% of these visits were to give bedside care to sick patients, the other 47% were for health supervision.

Regular weekly visits to each school were made during the year. Parents and teachers could confer with the nurse and homes in each community were visited.

Physical examinations were given to 65 children of the fourth, eighth and twelfth grades by Dr. Dwight Cameron and Dr. Ernest Coffin.

Also children who entered school in the Fall were examined at a Pre-School Clinic in the Spring.

In March, the Dental Hygienist from the Division of Dental Hygiene State Department of Health and Welfare worked in the schools for three weeks. Sodium fluoride applications were offered to children of the second, fifth and eighth grades. This year, we offered this treatment to children aged three years and sixteen children were given this prevention. A total of 79 children were seen.

This program is under the auspices of the Public Health Nursing Association.

A Maico machine for testing the hearing of children has been purchased by the schools of Bar Harbor, Southwest Harbor and Mt. Desert.

Immunization clinics were held in the Spring, at which protection against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and small pox vaccination were given. Eighty-eight children were protected.

Other services have been attendance at clinics for children and adults such as: Tumor, crippled children, chest X-ray, speech and cardiac clinics.

“ ‘Health is Wealth’ was the theme chosen by Who for World Health Day, 1953. If sickness and poverty go hand in hand, so also do health and prosperity.”

#### HEALTH DEPARTMENT

*General Expense:*

Cameron, Dr. Dwight	\$ 37.50	
Coffin, Dr. E. L.	30.00	
Murrell, Maurice J.	45.12	
		\$ 112.62

*Health Nurse:*

Mt. Desert Public Nursing Association	1,000.00	
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Unexpended, December 31, 1953

\$ 1,112.62
406.81
\$ 1,519.43

Appropriation	\$ 1,116.00
Balance, 1952	383.63
Refund	19.80

\$ 1,519.43
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## HIGHWAY DIVISION

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Expenditures: \$64,484.56

Employees:  
Full Time 5

Our new chain-driven tailgate sanders gave a good account of themselves in both sanding and tarring operations.

A new 1½ c.y. shovel and 3-ton truck was purchased through bids and have had extensive use since delivery.

Although money was appropriated, other items of equipment were not purchased, namely a tar distributor and some garage equipment.

In considering future needs, another 3-ton truck should be purchased to replace the 1947 Chevrolet truck. Consideration should be given a tar distributor and the acquisition of a small bulldozer in future purchases.

### **Capital Improvements:**

At Seal Harbor some 800 feet of road was under-drained and a system of storm and sub-surface drainage installed.

Excavation of a ditch on the upper side of this road revealed a high volume of underground water constantly running under the road.

The elevation of this road will be raised and it will be surfaced with a plant-mix bituminous topping.

Gilpatric Lane, the road past the high school, was started early in December as a Fall project. Good weather made it possible to install some 900 feet of underground drain and rough grade the surface before the year's end.

At Pretty Marsh, some 2,100 feet of construction was undertaken with joint Town and State Aid Funds. A hazardous entrance to Town was eliminated. Construction difficulties, caused by the superelevations on the three curves, made it necessary to build some 700 feet of approach roads in excess of the original layout. Consequently, there was a sizeable overdraft in this account. All of the roads on the western side of the Town on Route No. 102 from Tremont to Bar Harbor are now State Aid Roads.

On the Oak Hill Cross Road, north from Long Pond, 1,200 feet of road was built using Unimproved Road Funds. The original grade was cut some 2% and sight distances improved by the installation of three long curves. This road will need additional surfacing after a winter's compaction.

Extensive bush cutting and ledge removal was carried out on the Bartlett's Island Road. Section of this road will probably be built with Unimproved Funds in 1954.

The Manchester Road was scheduled for construction during the year but it was so late in the season it was decided to postpone until 1954.

### **Sidewalks:**

In Mt. Desert, 1,250 feet of sidewalks, 4½ feet wide, having a 6-inch granite curb, was placed. The cost of installing necessary catchbasins ran our costs high. Transfers from the General Roads Fund made it possible to complete this project and have it available for use.

At Seal Harbor, a 160-foot section of cement sidewalk was replaced in front of Anthony Hamer's. A section from Candage's to the Dodge Point Road was torn up but not completed. If possible these telephone poles should be removed and the line run jointly with the electric line before the sidewalk is completed.

In Northeast Harbor, 2,087 feet of sidewalk topped out on the Manchester Road from the Swimming Pool to Mathew's Corner.

### **Special Projects:**

Water reservoirs were constructed, and in some cases fenced, at Otter Creek, Somes Sound and Hall Quarry. Metal fencing is needed for two other reservoirs as a protection against accidental falling in by children.

### **Tarring Program:**

The following roads were either completely or partially resurfaced during the year:

#### **Otter Creek:**

Richardson Ave.

#### **Seal Harbor:**

Fountain Road to Town Landing.

Upper and Lower Dunbar Roads.

Cooksey Drive.

Upland Road.

#### **Northeast Harbor:**

Summit Road.

Millbrook Road.

Sargent Drive.

Harborside.

Maple Lane.

Tracy Road.

#### **Mt. Desert:**

Beech Hill Road.

Oak Hill Road.

#### **Hall Quarry:**

Main Road.

#### **Pretty Marsh:**

State Aid Construction Tarred.

This year we used 48,000 gallons of asphalt and tar on our roads. Approximately 59 tons of plant-mix bituminous material was used in the sidewalk surfacing program.

**Drainage:**

The Highway Division installed some 2,322 feet of drainage pipe in the form of underdrains or culverts. A survey of culverts reveals a high replacement need—which will be requested in the 1954 budget.

**Snow and Ice Removal:**

Approximately 800 c.y. of sand was used during the winter. Snow fences were erected as usual. Ten additional sand barrels were prepared and placed at known hazardous road sites.

The new sanders make it possible to spread the aggregate at about 20 m.p.h.—thus increasing the speed of covering slippery roads.

During the months of January and February, approximately 800 hours were spent each month sanding and plowing. Other routine procedures were carried out.

**Building Maintenance:**

One-half the roof of the Town Garage recovered to end the bad leaks, although some leaking still persists.

Work was done on the Salt Shed where repairs were made on the door. Hangers were also installed.

The Seal Harbor Storage Shed was completely re-roofed thereby making the building weather tight.

**Sewers:**

Our sewers were lower than in previous years. Routine periodic cleaning has kept all lines in operational condition to date.

A 15,000 per hour pump was purchased for the use of the sewer and highway departments. Additional operational equipment was purchased for the flexible sewer rod equipment.

A complete resurvey of all town-owned sewer lines is greatly needed. There are not available at the Town Office plans of all of our sewers. The State has passed legislation requiring such information.

## ROAD FUND

### SUMMARY

#### *Receipts:*

Appropriation	\$53,974.00
Balance, 1952	3,298.27
Excise Taxes	10,785.92
Misc. Receipts	55.35
Sale of Materials	399.36
Snow Removal, State Reimb.	1,332.90
Transfer of Materials	23.67
Use of Equipment	440.10

\$ 70,309.57

#### *Expenditures:*

Culverts	\$ 1,861.48
Cutting Bushes	931.98
General Repairs of Roads	15,205.70
Gilpatrick Cove Road	80.00
Jordan Pond Road	4,882.13
New Equipment	6,143.93
Sidewalks	2,073.33
Snow Removal	8,563.18
Tar Treatment	11,914.38
Town Garage & Seal Harbor Storehouse	823.30
Transfers:	
Gas, Oil, Etc.	4,349.84
Gilpatrick Lane	2,708.55
Gravel Stockpile, (Used for Tar Treatment)	1,162.65
Somesville Sidewalk	1,128.27

State Aid Road, (Pretty Marsh)	1,457.03
Unimproved Roads	138.81
Use of New Shovel	1,060.00

	\$ 64,484.56
Unexpended, December 31, 1953	5,825.01
	<u>\$ 70,309.57</u>

### CULVERTS

Labor Hire	\$ 322.44
<i>Materials, Etc.:</i>	
Bancroft & Martin Rolling Mills Co. \$	440.05
New England Metal Culvert Co.	1,094.54
Wallace, C. E.	4.45
	<u>\$ 1,539.04</u>
	<u>\$ 1,861.48</u>

### CUTTING BUSHES

Labor Hire	\$ 794.20
Equipment	57.00
<i>Materials, Etc.:</i>	
Dunham-Hanson Co.	\$ 28.15
Lakin's Express	1.10
Sherman, F. E. Co.	9.00
Soule Glass and Paint Co.	42.53
	<u>\$ 80.78</u>
	<u>\$ 931.98</u>

### GENERAL REPAIR OF ROADS

Labor Hire	\$ 9,318.58
<i>Equipment:</i>	
Burr, Maurice H.	\$ 10.00
Haynes' Express	3.50



Sargent, Raymond	195.87
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209.37
*Materials, Etc.:*

Allen, Arnold	\$ 20.40
Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.	53.63
Banks Auto Supply	575.53
Bar Harbor Times	32.25
Bragg, N. H. and Sons	845.98
Branscom Coal and Wood	43.13
Bucklin, H. E.	49.09
Connell, W. J. Co.	11.58
DeRevere, Robert E.	167.96
Dietzgen, Eugene Co.	7.56
Drinkwater Foundry	64.94
Dunham-Hanson Co.	113.90
Dunning, R. B. Co.	32.66
Eaton, Hollis	20.00
Fairfield, Howard F.	185.51
Fernald, A. C. Sons	25.45
Gould Equipment Co.	80.00
Grant, Harry	14.46
Hamor, Leslie	6.00
Hancock Co. Pub. Co.	25.29
Harper, O. E. Express	1.00
Haynes & Chalmers Co.	13.60
Haynes' Express	2.73
Haynes Garage	12.64
Hedge & Mattheis	133.19
Higgins, A. V.	3.00
Hinckley & Co.	45.35
Holmes, L. Elrie Co.	24.00
International Harvester Co.	1.23
Kebo Garage	3.15
Kimball Company	6.00
Knowles Co.	96.25
Lakin's Express	34.04
Lane Const. Corp.	73.88
Lanpher, M. M.	12.25
Lord, Phillips H.	300.00
MacQuinn, Harold	6.00
Manchester Bros.	4.00
Marks Printing House	30.00
Murphy Motors, Inc.	22.40
Murrell, Maurice	10.00
Musetti, Joseph	10.00

New Eng. Tel. and Tel. Co.	120.70
Noyes, C. E. Co.	186.07
Ober, O. M. Co.	46.29
Railway Express Agency	3.36
Richards, Hoyt and Sons	1.00
Sargent, Raymond	20.00
Smith's	19.56
Snap-On-Tools Co.	17.19
Southworth Machine Co.	2.80
State Treasurer	30.24
Sunset Garage	11.43
Tracy, S. Edwin	100.00
Tracy, S. R. Est.	45.11
Walls, Garage	267.84
Webber Const. Co.	42.85
Wescott, H. F. Hdw. Co.	13.50
Wood, Howard	0.33
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	\$ 4,148.30

*Repairs:*

Atwood Motor Co.	\$ 4.74
Auto Craft Upholstery Co.	9.50
Bangor Auto Supply	48.14
Bean and Conquet Inc.	4.13
Boulter, J. J. and Sons	17.50
Bragg, N. H. and Sons	208.53
Brake Service Inc.	85.79
Bucklin, H. E.	5.20
Dysart, E. R. Co.	13.79
Hackett Machine Co.	12.03
Haynes Garage	15.36
Hedge and Mattheis Co.	85.72
Huber Mfg. Co.	155.48
International Harvester Co.	631.34
Kebo Garage	41.51
Lakins' Express	17.70
Lawrence, A. E.	0.36
Morang-Robinson Co.	16.96
Murphy Motors	35.11
Silver's Auto	15.00
Smith's	13.55
Solari, Frederick	8.00
Soule Glass and Paint Co.	9.09
Southworth Machine	8.50
Stanley, W. A.	19.75

Sunset Garage	28.79	
Wallace, C. E.	17.88	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,529.45
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		\$ 15,205.70
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### GILPATRICK COVE ROAD

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Labor Hire	\$ 47.00	
Equipment	33.00	
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### JORDAN POND ROAD

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Labor Hire		\$ 1,727.24
<i>Materials, Etc.:</i>		
Bragg, N. H. and Sons	\$ 12.70	
Bucklin, H. E.	5.85	
Burr, Maurice H.	2.80	
Candage, B. W. and Sons	0.50	
Clark Coal Co.	4.90	
DeRevere, Robert E.	12.91	
Drinkwater Foundry	106.92	
Driscoll, Frederick	8.00	
Grindle, Theodore	20.00	
Hamor, Leslie	560.00	
Haynes' Garage	2.00	
Hinckley and Co.	32.37	
Kimball Co.	4.00	
Lakin's Express	2.65	
Lanpher, M. M.	1.40	
Lawrence, A. E.	2.30	
Musetti, Joseph	385.00	
New Eng. Metal Co.	1,715.70	
Shea Bros.	43.80	
Stewart, Willard	41.89	
Webber Const. Co.	189.20	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,154.89
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## NEW EQUIPMENT

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Bicknell Mfg. Co. for 55 No. J 50 I. R.	
Jackhammer	\$ 461.15
Bragg, N. H. and Sons for:	
Bolt Cutter	7.72
Champion Plug Cleaner & Tester	25.00
Compressor Tank	121.52
Drill Press Vise	15.68
Impactroll Wrench	10.85
Metal Lathe	625.77
Wheel Barrow	21.71
Kebo Garage Inc., for:	
1953 International Truck Model R184	4,019.17
Swenson Spreader & Mfg. Co. for:	
Self Feeding Spreader	835.36
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	\$ 6,143.93
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## SIDEWALKS

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Labor Hire	\$ 913.14
<i>Equipment:</i>	
Burr, Maurice H.	\$ 84.00
<i>Materials, Etc.:</i>	
Bucklin, H. E.	\$ 9.19
Kimball Co.	10.40
Lane Const. Corp.	594.19
MacQuinn, Harold	6.00
Wallace, C. E.	58.94
Webber Const. Co.	396.00
Wood, Howard	1.47
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	\$ 1,076.19
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	\$ 2,073.33
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## SNOW

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Labor Hire	\$ 4,438.05
<i>Equipment:</i>	
Sargent, Raymond	\$ 144.00

State Treasurer

211.75

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 \$ 355.75
*Materials, Etc.:*

Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.	\$ 41.20
Bean & Conquest	0.32
Billings and Hamblen Co.	124.60
Bragg, N. H. and Sons	476.34
Branscom Coal and Wood	15.03
Brown, F. T. Co.	35.98
Bucklin, H. E.	7.67
Crobb Box Co.	5.50
Eastern Sales Outlet	51.00
Fairfield, Howard F.	1,043.11
Gould Equipment Co.	79.19
Haynes' Express	9.93
Haynes Garage	18.97
Hodgdon, Donald	8.00
Lakin's Express	30.78
Maine Central Railroad	485.00
Manset Marine Supply	14.77
New Eng. Tel. and Tel. Co.	31.48
Noyes, C. E.	189.88
Ober, O. M. Co.	4.49
Oulton, A. W.	4.29
Richards, Hoyt and Sons	18.54
Shurtleff, W. H. Co.	665.10
Stanley, W. A.	16.44
Tracy's Shop	2.95
Wallace, C. E.	4.13

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 \$ 3,384.69
*Repairs, Etc.:*

Bangor Roofing & Sheet Metal Co.	\$ 11.00
Bragg, N. H. and Sons	1.91
Dunham-Hanson Co.	9.09
Fairfield, H. P.	21.50
Hackett Machine Co.	40.39
Haynes Garage	4.25
International Harvester Co.	37.20
Lakin's Express	38.27
Portland Tractor Co.	160.00
Sunset Garage	8.30

Swenson Spreader Co.	52.78	
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		\$ 8,563.18
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### TAR TREATMENT

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Labor Hire		\$ 4,341.83
<i>Equipment:</i>		
Billings and Hamblen	\$ 145.60	
Burr, Maurice H.	26.00	
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<i>Materials, Etc.:</i>		
Allen, Arnold	\$ 23.50	
American Bitumuls Co.	5,027.06	
Barrett Division	467.92	
Billings and Hamblen	140.95	
Bracy, Lewis	2.00	
Bragg, N. H. and Sons	52.92	
Bucklin, H. E.	3.18	
Clough, H. M.	20.00	
Grindle, E. R.	39.00	
Haynes' Express	2.00	
Lakin's Express	3.20	
Lane Const. Corp.	95.83	
MacQuinn, Harold	1,382.10	
Murray, William	49.14	
Northeast Airlines	9.79	
Richardson, E. T.	4.58	
Richards, Hoyt and Sons	12.00	
Swenson Spreader Co.	30.83	
Zerrien, E. C.	34.95	
	<hr/>	\$ 7,400.95
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		\$ 11,914.38
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### TOWN GARAGES

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<i>General Expense and Repairs:</i>	
Bracy, Lewis	\$ 102.00



Brown, F. T. Co.	4.25
Bucklin, H. E.	11.54
Carr, Sherwood	79.80
Driscoll, Frederick	33.50
Dunham-Hanson Co.	10.82
Gott, Milton	16.00
Gould Equipment	44.48
Higgins, A. V.	1.18
Kimball, Fred	18.50
Lakin's Express	0.78
Leland, Arthur	8.00
Manchester, Russell	105.00
Ober, O. M. Co.	1.50
Sears, Roebuck and Co.	3.02
Solari, Frederick	8.00
Soule Glass and Paint Co.	20.70
Stanley, W. A.	19.01
Stewart's Inc.	4.93
Tracy, Eugene	16.00
Tracy, S. R. Est.	29.00

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\$ 538.01

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### SEAL HARBOR STOREHOUSE

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#### *General Repairs:*

Bracy, Lewis	\$ 7.50
Bucklin, H. E.	39.95
Dunham-Hanson Co.	69.05
Kimball, Fred	9.50
Lakin's Express	8.79
Musetti, Ronald	40.00
Pierce, Yale	100.00
Solari, Frederick	10.50

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\$ 285.29

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\$ 823.30

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### GILPATRICK LANE

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Labor Hire	\$ 1,152.49
Equipment	50.56

*Materials, Etc.:*

Bancroft & Martin Rolling Mills Co.	\$ 2,646.15
Bragg, N. H. and Sons	3.28
Bucklin, H. E.	7.18
Burr, M. H.	184.00
Chambers Chev. Co.	18.54
Chase, Ronald	1.80
Grindle, E. R.	108.00
Hamor, Leslie	504.00
Holmes, L. Elrie Co.	13.60
Homelite Corp.	42.09
New Eng. Metal Culvert Co.	50.03
Richards, Hoyt and Sons	0.70
Webber Const. Co.	26.13

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\$ 3,605.50

Transfer, (Use of Shovel)

400.00

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\$ 5,208.55

Appropriation

\$ 2,500.00

Transfer, (Overdraft to General Road Fund)

2,708.55

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\$ 5,208.55

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### NEW SHOVEL PURCHASE

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½ Yd. Link Belt, Model L.S. 51

\$ 16,963.82

*Materials, Etc.:*

Bragg, N. H. and Sons	\$ 30.32
Brown, F. T. Co.	1.75
Bucklin, H. E.	5.58
Lakin's Express	8.65
Murray Machinery Co.	239.86
Sargent, Raymond	62.80
Wallace, C. E.	0.25

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\$ 349.21

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\$ 17,313.03

Appropriation

\$ 2,000.00

Received, Rental of Backhoe

240.00

Transfer for Use of Shovel	3,275.00	
		\$ 5,515.00
Non-Lapsed Overdraft, Dec. 31, 1953		11,798.03
		<u>\$ 17,313.03</u>

### SOMESVILLE SIDEWALK

Labor Hire		\$ 1,544.42
<i>Equipment:</i>		
Billings and Hamblen	\$ 535.00	
Burr, Maurice H.	75.00	
		\$ 610.00
<i>Materials, Etc.:</i>		
Bicknell Mfg. Co.	\$ 18.31	
Bucklin, H. E.	2.24	
Drinkwater Foundry	21.61	
Hamor, Leslie	12.00	
Higgins, A. V.	0.32	
Lakin's Express	1.55	
Lane Const. Corp.	606.39	
Lanpher, M. M.	8.35	
MacQuinn, Harold	3.00	
Musetti, Joseph	40.00	
New Eng. Metal Culvert	116.06	
Robinson, Lawrence	1.20	
Trundy, A. E.	3.15	
		\$ 834.18
		\$ 2,988.60
Balance, 1952	\$ 1,796.58	
Received, Sale of Materials	63.75	
Transfer, Overdraft to General Road Fund	1,128.27	
		<u>\$ 2,988.60</u>

# STATE AID ROAD

(Pretty Marsh Road)

Labor Hire \$ 3,833.41

## Equipment:

Astbury, Claude	\$ 101.12
Astbury, Robert	75.84
Billings and Hamblen	28.00
Grindle, E. R.	101.12
MacQuinn, Harold	575.00
McTague, John	69.52
Swan, Shannon	132.72

\$ 1,083.32

## Materials, Etc.:

American Bitumuls Co.	\$ 326.69
Bancroft & Martin Rolling Mills Co.	271.45
Beal, H. R.	1.88
Bucklin, H. E.	9.27
Ellsworth, City of	40.80
Fernald, A. C. Sons	48.98
Kimball Co.	533.80
Lanpher, M. M.	1.83
MacQuinn, Harold	95.07
Parkadia	20.50
Sargent, Raymond	22.00

\$ 1,372.27  
1,100.00

Transfer, Use of Shovel

\$ 7,389.03

Appropriation	\$ 3,000.00
Due from State of Maine	2,932.00
Transfer, Overdraft to General Road Fund	1,457.03

\$ 7,389.03

# UNIMPROVED ROADS

## BARTLETT ISLAND ROAD

Labor \$ 231.00

## OAK HILL ROAD

Labor		\$	1,819.32
<i>Equipment:</i>			
MacQuinn, Harold		\$	460.00
<i>Materials, Etc.:</i>			
Bucklin, H. E.	\$	8.11	
Higgins, A. V.		69.37	
Kimball, Co.		323.60	
Wescott, H. F. Hdw. Co.		35.54	
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		\$	436.62

## RIPPLE ROAD

Labor		\$	505.87
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		\$	3,452.81
Transfer for Use of Shovel on Projects			420.00
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		\$	3,872.81
Due from State of Maine	\$	3,734.00	
Overdraft to General Road Fund		138.81	
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		\$	3,872.81
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# CHARITIES REPORT Overseers of the Poor The Selectmen ---

## Expenditures:

Town Poor, \$2,360.48.  
Aid to Dependent Children, \$2,693.49.  
Aid to Veterans, \$176.49.

Again this year the cost of medical and nursing home care has kept our costs relatively high. An increasing number of elderly people have had to request aid, and upon investigations of most cases they have been found needy and aid has been granted.

Aid from the State in the form of ADC, OAA, or Social Security benefits has eased the problem of many of our needy. Occasionally it becomes necessary for the Town to supplement aid given by the State.

Our greatest increase has been in the ADC account where our yearly cost has increased \$1,000 over the previous year. It is estimated that there will be a subsequent increase in this account next year.

Wise planning by all members of the family can do much towards making the purchasing power of the dollar do its best. Better food menus can provide for healthier stronger bodies. Persons in good health seldom need assistance.

## POOR RELIEF ---

### *Assistance Furnished To:*

Recipient No. 1	\$	319.08
Recipient No. 2		105.00
Recipient No. 3		95.85
Recipient No. 4		273.69
Recipient No. 5		139.91
Recipient No. 6		56.00
Recipient No. 7		75.99



Recipient No. 8	345.65	
Recipient No. 9	553.08	
Recipient No. 10	10.00	
Recipient No. 11	386.23	
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Unexpended, December 31, 1953		\$ 2,360.48
		3,613.69
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		\$ 5,974.17
Appropriation	\$ 2,775.00	
Balance, 1952	2,978.14	
Received for Assistance Furnished	221.03	
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		\$ 5,974.17
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### AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

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*Assistance Furnished To:*

Recipient No. 1	\$ 267.30	
Recipient No. 2	150.66	
Recipient No. 3	152.28	
Recipient No. 4	198.18	
Recipient No. 5	545.21	
Recipient No. 6	185.04	
Recipient No. 7	434.16	
Recipient No. 8	129.60	
Recipient No. 9	126.90	
Recipient No. 10	132.84	
Recipient No. 11	144.18	
Recipient No. 12	227.14	
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Unexpended, December 31, 1953		\$ 2,693.49
		2,307.28
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		\$ 5,000.77
Appropriation	\$ 2,698.00	
Balance, 1952	2,302.77	
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		\$ 5,000.77
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### AID TO VETERANS

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*Assistance Furnished To:*

Veteran No. 1	\$ 98.80
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Veteran No. 2	31.52
Veteran No. 3	46.17

		\$ 176.49
Unexpended, December 31, 1953		1,546.40
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		\$ 1,722.89
Balance, 1952	\$ 1,593.00	
Received for Assistance Furnished	129.89	
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		\$ 1,722.89
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### STATE POOR

Assistance Furnished, 1953	\$ 36.50
Due From State of Maine	\$ 36.50

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### KINDERGARTENS

Northeast Harbor Kindegarten	\$ 300.00
Seal Harbor Kindergarten	250.00
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	\$ 550.00
Appropriation	\$ 550.00

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*Senator Margaret Chase Smith Presenting Skippers' Trophy  
to Captain William Black*



*Somesville Sidewalk*



*Pretty Marsh State Aid Road*

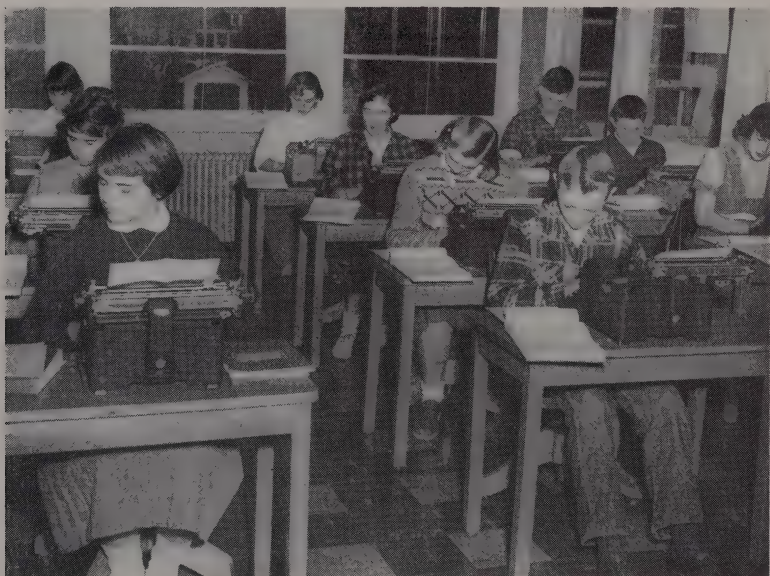


*Oak Hill Crossroad*





*Signing the Harbor Project Bulkhead Contract*



*Typing Class at High School*

# REPORT OF ALL FIRE COMPANIES FOR 1948 THROUGH 1953

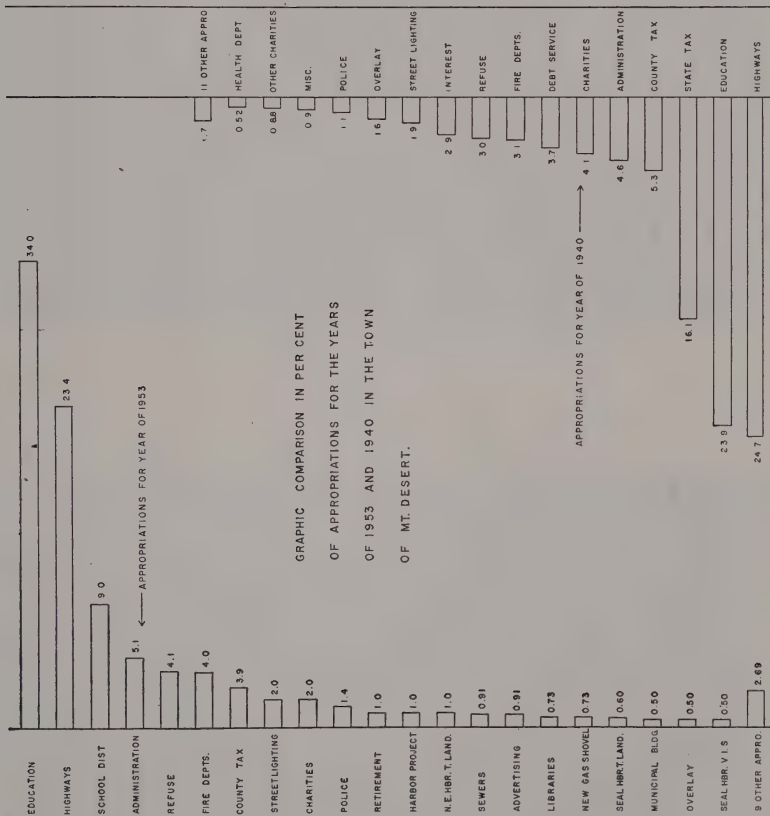
NORTHEAST HARBOR CO.														OTTER CREEK CO.													
YEAR	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	ACCU TOTAL	YEAR	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	ACCU TOTAL												
NO. OF CALLS IN A YEAR	20	20	17	17	13	9	96	NO. OF CALLS IN A YEAR	7	11	10	12	11	8	66												
TYPE OF FIRE								TYPE OF FIRE																			
AUTO	2	2	2	4	1	11	11	AUTO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-												
BRUSH								BRUSH																			
CHIMNEY	5	8	5	3	5	3	29	CHIMNEY	3	9	18	12	10	7	59												
ELECTRICAL								ELECTRICAL																			
FOREST	7	4	2	2	2	3	15	FOREST																			
GRASS	3	2	2	1	3	3	13	GRASS	2	1				1	4												
GREASE & OIL								GREASE & OIL																			
STRUCTURES	3	4	1	2	1	11	11	STRUCTURES	2					1	3												
OUT OF TOWN CALLS	2					2	4	OUT OF TOWN CALLS																			
ALL OTHERS		2	1	1			4	ALL OTHERS																			

SEAL HARBOR CO.														SOMESVILLE CO.													
YEAR	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	ACCU TOTAL	YEAR	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	ACCU TOTAL												
NO. OF CALLS IN A YEAR	11	12	14	17	14	58		NO. OF CALLS IN A YEAR	5	7	17	1	7	5	42												
TYPE OF FIRE								TYPE OF FIRE																			
AUTO	1	1				2	2	AUTO				2			4												
BRUSH	2	2	2	2		6	6	BRUSH	1	3	3	4	1	9	3												
CHIMNEY	7	5	10	10	14	46	46	CHIMNEY	3	8	8		2	13	13												
ELECTRICAL								ELECTRICAL																			
FOREST	1					1	1	FOREST																			
GRASS	1					1	1	GRASS	1	5					6												
GREASE & OIL								GREASE & OIL			1				2												
STRUCTURES	2	1	1	3		7	7	STRUCTURES			3	1	2	6	6												
OUT OF TOWN CALLS				2		2	2	OUT OF TOWN CALLS	2	1					3												
ALL OTHERS								ALL OTHERS																			

SEAL HARBOR CO.										SOMESVILLE CO.															
YEAR	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	ACCU	NO. OF CALLS IN A YEAR	YEAR	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	ACCU	NO. OF CALLS IN A YEAR	YEAR	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	ACCU
TYPE OF FIRE	11	12	14	17	14	68	68	TYPE OF FIRE	YEAR	5	7	17	1	7	5	42	TYPE OF FIRE	YEAR	5	7	17	1	7	5	42
AUTO	1	1				2	2	AUTO	AUTO			1		2	3		AUTO	AUTO			1		2	3	
BRUSH	2	2		2		6	6	BRUSH	BRUSH	1	3		4	1	9		BRUSH	BRUSH	1	3		4	1	9	
CHIMNEY	7	5	10	10	14	46	46	CHIMNEY	CHIMNEY	3	8			2	13		CHIMNEY	CHIMNEY	3	8			2	13	
ELECTRICAL						1	1	ELECTRICAL	ELECTRICAL								ELECTRICAL	ELECTRICAL							
FOREST	1					1	1	FOREST	FOREST								FOREST	FOREST							
GRASS	1					1	1	GRASS	GRASS	1	5				6		GRASS	GRASS	1	5					6
GREASE & OIL								GREASE & OIL	GREASE & OIL			1		1	2		GREASE & OIL	GREASE & OIL			1		1	2	
STRUCTURES	2	1	1	3		7	7	STRUCTURES	STRUCTURES		3	1		2	6		STRUCTURES	STRUCTURES		3	1		2	6	
OUT OF TOWN CALLS				2		2	2	OUT OF TOWN CALLS	OUT OF TOWN CALLS		2	1			3		OUT OF TOWN CALLS	OUT OF TOWN CALLS		2	1				3
ALL OTHERS						1	1	ALL OTHERS	ALL OTHERS								ALL OTHERS	ALL OTHERS							

CHIMNEY FINES  
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ELECTRICAL  
FOREST FINES  
GRASS FINES  
OIL & GREASE  
STRUCTURES  
OUT OF TOWN  
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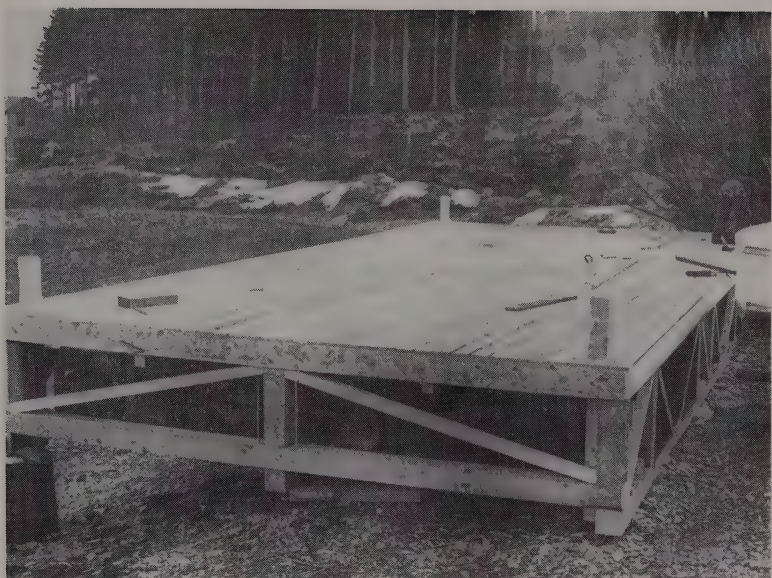




*Building the Matthews' Summer Home*



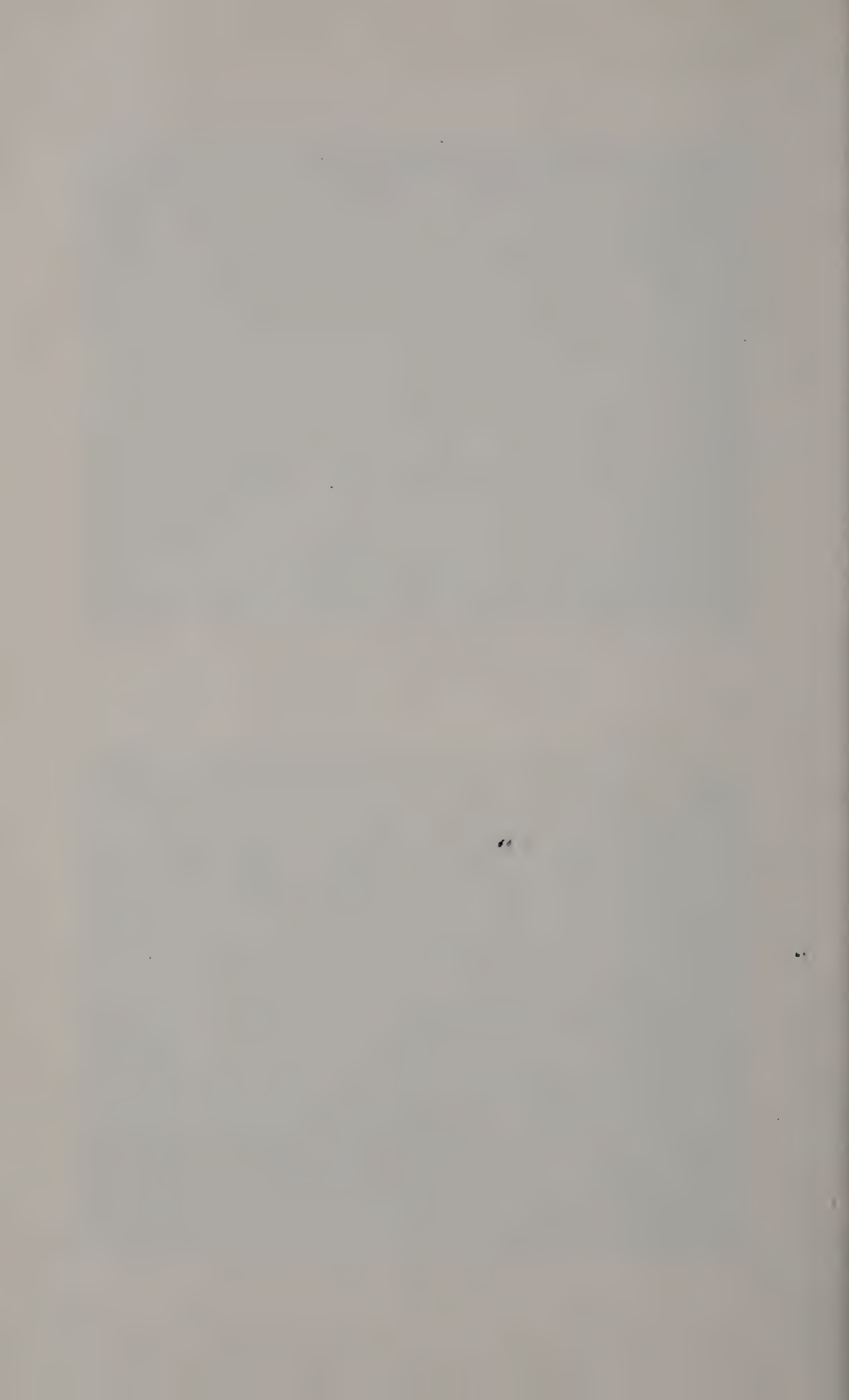
*Fire Hole at Hall Quarry*



*New Landing Float*



*Gilpatrick Lane Construction*





## NORTHEAST HARBOR LIBRARY REPORT

Lillis P. Joy, Librarian

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Expenditures: \$1,284.00

Employees:

Part Time 1

The Northeast Harbor Library has again completed a busy and interesting year. The students from the High School are using the library books and material 100 per cent. The teachers send them for books for reviews, supplementary reading and reference. The average number of students each day during the school year using the library is 53. Often times as many as 75 students are in the library in one day.

Three hundred and nine of the townspeople, 283 of the summer visitors besides the students have used the library this year. In all there have been 12,019 visits made to the library this past year compared to 11,249 visits of last year. The circulation has been 26,640 books, an increase of 5,033 over last year. One hundred and twenty-two records have been loaned besides the large numbers that have played at the library. One hundred and seven books have been borrowed from the State and Bangor libraries.

Three hundred and fifty-three books have been donated by friends and 370 books have been purchased. This is not enough for our circulation. The library needs more money in order to give the best service to its patrons.

The records of two more operas and several other fine records have added to the record collection.

There are 17 magazines available each month for circulation and library reading.

The story-telling is a continued success and it is wished that any of the townspeople interested in this project would come to hear the High School students tell the stories.

Two scholarships were again awarded a boy and girl of the graduating class at the High School by friends of the library.

The spirit surrounding the library from the trustees, the townspeople and the students is a fine thing.

### SEAL HARBOR LIBRARY

Mrs. Beatrice Atwood, Librarian

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Expenditures: \$321.00

Employees:  
Part Time 1

Again the Seal Harbor Library has increased its usefulness to the community as shown by the number of books loaned and the number of subscribers. We feel this is due chiefly because of the larger selection of books purchased during the whole year rather than just in the summer. We are able to do this with the aid of our town allotment.

The book circulation this year has been 1,340 and the attendance 1,005. Special attention has been given to the juvenile section, many of these books being used at the Dunham School.

A kind friend of George L. Stebbins has started a Library Fund to be called the George L. Stebbins Memorial. This fund is to be used at the discretion of the trustees with the thought in mind for special needs of the high school and college reading lists. Contributions may be sent to the Treasurer Mrs. Margaret Coston.

A very successful rummage sale was held in the fall. Part of the proceeds from the General Van Fleet lecture were also added to our treasury.



MOUNT DESERT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
Marjory Hayward, Librarian

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Expenditures: \$521.00

Employees:  
Part Time 1

The first year in our newly-organized and decorated library has been completed with great success. There have been many compliments on the transformation wrought in the interior, with its light and airy appearance; on the ease of finding books from the shelves under the simple cataloguing system; on the selection of new books.

During the year, there were 187 new books purchased and 73 gift volumes received. To make room on our crowded shelves for the new books, a volunteer committee spent many hours in selecting 466 books to discard. Of these, part were sold and the funds used for new purchases, and part were given away.

The "Adventure in Reading" program was supplemented by the Book Committee's choices of new books, and nineteen of our readers qualified in this program.

Regular Wednesday afternoon visits to the library for the Somesville school children were inaugurated in January, with the help and splendid cooperation of the teachers, and a contest in reading was held, with prizes given by the Literary Club in March. In November, a new contest was started, with prizes given to all the children of the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grades. This is to continue through the winter. Great enthusiasm is displayed by the children, and much reading is being done. A large part of the town aid money was spent for new children's books, to supply this demand.

An exhibition of poems and composition written by the school children, was held in the library in May. Prizes were awarded.

The list of book borrowers has increased from 136 last year to 217 this year. Circulation for the year was 3,467 books, and, 1,225 magazines.

While this is a public library, and receives town aid, the Mt. Desert Library Society in Somesville, raises a large part of the funds used for its support, mainly by means of a huge rummage sale in the fall. Volunteer work and donations make another substantial section of support, and the Somesville Village Improvement Association has presented four benches, which are to be set out on the lawn in the summer, commanding our beautiful view. The Library Society has financed a parking strip and stone curb along the street, which is a great improvement.

At present, the prospects for a reading room so far does not seem closer. The one room at the library is very crowded, with no storage or work space, but hopes are still high for a future addition. Meanwhile, the Mount Desert Public Library is rapidly assuming its rightful place in the community.

#### AID TO LIBRARIES

Mount Desert Library Society	\$	521.00	
Northeast Harbor Library Society		1,284.00	
Seal Harbor Library Society		321.00	
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			\$ 2,126.00
Appropriation	\$	2,000.00	
Received, State of Maine Stipend		126.00	
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			\$ 2,126.00
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## HIGH SCHOOL PARKING AREA AND GROUNDS

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Labor Hire		\$ 33.85
Equipment		36.50
<i>Materials, Etc.:</i>		
Miller Gardens	\$ 139.88	
Smith, Donald G.	769.50	
		<hr/> \$ 909.38
		<hr/> \$ 979.73
Unexpended, December 31, 1953		519.89
		<hr/> \$ 1,499.62
Appropriation	\$ 1,055.00	
Balance, 1952	444.62	
		<hr/> \$ 1,499.62
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## GILMAN HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

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<i>General Expense:</i>		
Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.	\$ 10.00	
Bracy, Lewis	2.00	
Carr, Sherwood	2.28	
Davis, Florentine	7.50	
Driscoll, Frederick	14.00	
Kimball, Fred	156.00	
Leonard, William	3.00	
Manchester, Russell	5.00	
Murray, William	15.75	
Preston, Nathan	3.00	
Tracy, S. R. Est.	1.85	
		<hr/> \$ 220.38
Unexpended, December 31, 1953		779.62
		<hr/> \$ 1,000.00
Appropriation		\$ 1,000.00
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## MOUNT DESERT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

George Savage, President

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In addition to the routine work of the standing committees, the highlights of 1953 were the meeting on zoning in February, the Retired Skippers' Race, the culmination of the efforts of several years with the formation of the Mount Desert Development Corporation which has been organized to build an industrial plant provided a suitable tenant can be found, the approved dredging of Northeast Harbor's harbor.

The services to yachtsmen organized by the Chamber with the assistance of the Town (refuse Collection) have increased the yachting visitors by roughly fifty percent over the 1952 season. One yachtsman returned by car in September and asked to express his appreciation at the meeting. The comments written to the Harbor Committee who have charge of the Yachting Building have been helpful in planning improvements to the services offered there. The income from the use of the laundry equipment appears to be adequate to cover running and eventual repair and replacement. This has been the first complete test.

The Retired Skippers' Race, which according to the Maine Development Commission, received more publicity than any other sporting event ever held in the State, was favored by perfect weather. Without the cooperation of the Northeast Harbor Fleet, many of whose members lent their yachts for the use of the contestants, and the visit of the USS Thaddeus Parker assigned here by the Navy, the race would not have been the success it was. The problem of entertaining an unknown number of visitors at a lobster supper was solved by the offer of the Kimball family to assume that responsibility at the Kimball House. The cooperation of the Town officials, the Northeast Harbor Fire Department, the Trustees of the Mount Desert High School, and the Chambers of Commerce of Bar Har-

bor and Southwest Harbor, who helped substantially to defray the costs are all gratefully acknowledged. The costs, incidentally, proved to be less than we anticipated. The visitors who came to watch the race were also less than anticipated but for a new event here everything went very well. E. Farnham Butler, whose brainchild the race was, and Robert Garrity, who was indefatigable in organizing the endless details at the height of the season, deserve the thanks of the entire town. We are all, naturally, very proud that Captain Bill Black won the race.

The Chamber has of couse tried to establish the race as an Island event in the future. The State committee, subject to pressures from other coastal places, cannot commit themselves but we shall always get our share of the races, I feel, and by continuing to schedule them after Labor Day, no matter where they may be sailed, the publicity of the State cannot help but be beneficial.

There is no question but that a full-time salaried organizer will have to be engaged if we have the event here again. This will increase the costs but should be worth it.

The work of the Special Improvements Committee in maintaining trails, vista cutting and other improvements should be brought again to public attention. Funds are contributed separately for this work and gifts are solicited.

The Information Bureau at the bridge was again managed by a joint Island committee. A spot check of inquiries shows that about fifty percent request information about some part of our town and are so processed. This rather large percentage is accounted for by the Black Woods Campground near Otter Creek.

The Chamber has again proved its usefulness as a forum where people can say their pieces. The fact that about half our membership is non-resident—a unique situation on the Island—perhaps justified the monthly meetings which are again unique. The other chambers

have an annual meeting as I understand and all matters in between are handled by their executive committees. In general, the policies followed and the measures adopted have been voted on by the general meetings.

Confidence in these policies has been expressed very markedly this year by the sales of real estate and by the erection of several new houses. It is doubtful that this would have happened if any marked change had been promoted by the Chamber in the general stability of the principal villages. The field for new markets as far as tourists go should certainly be provided in the less settled areas of the Town but the charm of Seal Harbor and Somesville villages, and the excellent shopping district in Northeast Harbor appears to be very worthwhile to keep.

The Chamber again sponsored an information bureau at Northeast Harbor and again subsidized the publication of the race results of the Northeast Harbor Fleet in the press.

#### ADVERTISING

Mount Desert Chamber of Commerce	\$ 2,500.00
Appropriation	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>

#### INFORMATION BUREAU

Mount Desert Chamber of Commerce	\$ 378.00
Appropriation	<u>\$ 378.00</u>

#### COMPENSATION

##### *Compensation Policy:*

1953 Policy	\$ 1,102.04
Due on 1952 Policy	130.93

	<u>\$ 1,232.97</u>
Unexpended, December 31, 1953	167.29
	<u>\$ 1,400.26</u>



Appropriation	\$ 204.00	
Balance, 1952	1,196.26	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,400.26
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## TEACHERS' RETIREMENT FUND

Maine State Retirement System	\$ 3,217.05	
Received from Teachers' Payrolls	\$ 3,217.05	
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## FLEET INSURANCE

1953 Policy	\$ 793.48	
Additions to Policy	20.84	
	<hr/>	\$ 814.32
Unexpended, December 31, 1953		284.26
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		\$ 1,098.58
Appropriation	\$ 1,000.00	
Received for Refund	98.58	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,098.58
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## MEMORIAL EXPENSES

Lurvey-Wright Post No. 103, American Legion	\$ 50.00	
Appropriation	\$ 50.00	
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## EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND

Maine State Retirement System	\$ 4,888.64	
Appropriation	\$ 2,750.00	
Received, From Employees Payrolls	2,138.64	
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## WITHHOLDING TAXES

Director of Internal Revenue	\$ 12,238.80	
Received from Payrolls	\$ 12,238.80	
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## HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

A. H. Kennedy, Northeast Harbor  
Paul Clement, Seal Harbor

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Expenditures: \$785.00

Employees: 2

Part Time 2

In the 1953 season there was increased activity in our harbors at Northeast Harbor and Seal Harbor. At Northeast Harbor there was a total of 1,318 yachts of all types during the season while the total number of power boats was 3,800.

The Harbormasters made available to our ocean-going guests descriptive literature, information and free daily newspapers. The collection service to boats was continued again this year thereby helping to keep our harbor free of pollution.

Commercial fishermen continue to use our facilities and there is a slight increase in the phase of industry.

During the summer New York and Boston yacht clubs included Northeast Harbor and Seal Harbor as their port of call.

Excursion boats, locally owned, made regular runs around the Island and to the outlying islands. The summer cruise boats visited our port thirty-eight times this year.

On September 10 thru 12, the Retired Skippers' Race was held off Mt. Desert Island with our own Capt. Bill Black winning three times in three days over some tough competition to bring the trophy home. U. S. Senator Margaret Chase Smith presented the trophy to a very happy Capt. Black.

We were fortunate in having with us for the Skippers' Race, the Destroyer Escort Thaddeus Parker officers and men as guests. Their behavior was exemplary and they will be welcome again.

The long awaited harbor project was again given consideration and was presented to Congress as a plan to expand our harbor facilities for commercial fishing and possibly as a defense base. Approximately \$150,000 was allocated for the widening and digging of a channel and anchorage basin by dredging.

Subsequently action by a special Town meeting reveals that the Town voted to borrow \$100,000 to construct a bulkhead and suitable pier and necessary surroundings. The next year should enable us to provide even better facilities to our ocean-going guests.

Additional guest moorings are needed in both harbors and provision for some will be included in future budgets. One float was constructed this year and additional one will be purchased from a private individual.

#### HARBOR PROJECT

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*General Expense:*

Bar Harbor Times Pub. Co.	\$ 11.50	
Dodge Hotel	17.03	
Ninfi, Carlo	51.90	
Northeast Airlines	160.00	
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		\$ 240.43
Unexpended, December 31, 1953		8,624.69
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		\$ 8,865.12
Appropriation	\$ 2,735.00	
Balance, 1952	6,130.12	
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		\$ 8,865.12
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# NORTHEAST HARBOR LANDING

Labor Hire	\$	313.39
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*General Expense:*

Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.	\$	81.30
Brown, F. T. Co.		117.04
Bucklin, H. E.		7.53
Hackett Machine Co.		26.31
Haynes' Express		1.50
Howard Barrel Co.		122.50
Lakin's Express		1.10
Manset Marine Supply		13.61
Northeast Harbor Water Co.		15.00
Ober, O. M. Co.		62.83
Stanley, W. A.		5.66
Tracy, S. R. Est.		33.78
Wallace, C. E.		27.14
Young, F. E.		248.50

	\$	763.80
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*Moorings:*

Arnold, Charles	\$	74.45
Bragg, N. H. and Sons		14.21
Carr, Sherwood		9.12
Hackett Machine Co.		23.88
Lakin's Express		3.10
Manchester, Russell		24.00
Manset Marine Supply	"	71.90
Musetti, Joseph		100.00
Preston, Nathan		4.00
Young, Fred E.		6.00

	\$	330.66
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*New Float:*

Bucklin, H. E.	\$	1,197.00
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*Harbor Boat Expense:*

American Gear Co.	\$	2.00
Bragg, N. H. and Sons		2.59
Conary, Henry, Jr.		2.00
Cousins, Elmer		23.80
Haynes' Garage		1.00
Manchester, Russell		82.00
Mount Desert Yacht Yard		20.00
Tracy, S. R. Est.		9.85

Southworth Boat Corp.	1.25	
Sunset Garage	2.61	
Transfer, Gas and Oil for Boat	23.29	
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		\$ 170.39
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Unexpended, December 31, 1953		\$ 2,775.24
		149.06
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		\$ 2,924.30
Appropriation	\$ 2,695.00	
Balance, 1952	229.30	
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		\$ 2,924.30
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#### SEAL HARBOR LANDING

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Labor Hire		\$ 241.86
<i>General Expense:</i>		
Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.	\$ 22.00	
Brown, F. T. Co.	13.20	
Bucklin, H. E.	5.44	
Haynes' Express	21.75	
Howard Barrel Co.	28.00	
Manset Marine Supply Co.	4.44	
Ober, O. M. Co.	11.00	
Orcutt, Fred	1.50	
Smallidge, C. M.	53.30	
Thorsen, L. S. Corp.	1.65	
Tracy, S. R. Est.	16.55	
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		\$ 178.83
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Unexpended, December 31, 1953		\$ 420.69
		1,344.37
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		\$ 1,765.06
Appropriation	\$ 1,585.00	
Balance, 1952	180.06	
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		\$ 1,765.06
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## SEAL HARBOR VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

Edward C. Clement, President

The 1953 Town Meeting appropriated \$1,200 toward the budget of the Seal Harbor Village Improvement Society. Of this amount the Society received \$1,000, which was expended in partial payment for labor necessary to maintain the beach, parking area, comfort station and village green.

Besides, normal maintenance of the above facilities and paths for the general public, the Society continued its reclamation program from deterioration of the war years.

A new flagpole was erected on the village green. Trees and shrubbery were removed in restoring more of the old trails and vistas. New steps and drains were constructed. Nineteen bridges were constructed on the Jordan Stream Trail alone. New recreational equipment was purchased and considerable money was spent in preparatory work toward perpetuating this area as a summer resort.

Probably of more value to the future prosperity of the Island than the budget was the time devoted by this Society and its individual members to its numerous projects.

We feel much progress has been made during 1953 and certainly appreciate the continued support of the Town.

## SEAL HARBOR BEACH AND VILLAGE GREEN

Appropriation to Village Improvement Association	\$	1,000.00
<i>General Expense:</i>		
Blanchard, Maynard	\$	3.75
Conary, Henry, Jr.		8.00
Cousins, Elmer		13.60



Kimball, Fred	12.50	
Manchester, Russell	6.50	
Solari, Frederick	7.50	
Tracy, Eugene	8.00	
		\$ 59.85
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Unexpended, December 31, 1952		\$ 1,059.85
		140.15
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		\$ 1,200.00
Appropriation		\$ 1,200.00
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### INTEREST ON TRUST FUNDS

<i>Cemetery Trust Funds:</i>		
Helen Pray Fund	\$ 1.50	
Walter Sargent Fund	1.50	
W. S. Smallidge Fund	6.02	
Henry L. Stanley Fund	7.52	
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		\$ 16.54
<i>Received:</i>		
Bar Harbor Banking & Trust Co.	\$ 15.04	
First National Bank of Bar Harbor	1.50	
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		\$ 16.54
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### INTEREST

Interest on Bonds	\$ 550.00	
Interest on Temporary Loans	33.33	
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		\$ 583.33
Unexpended, December 31, 1953		246.86
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		\$ 830.19
Balance, 1952	\$ 125.54	
<i>Received:</i>		
Interest on Invested Treasury Bonds	400.00	
Certificates of Deposit	9.00	
Transfer, Interest on Taxes	295.65	
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		\$ 830.19
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### PAYMENT OF BONDS

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National Shawmut Bank of Boston	\$ 4,000.00
Received: (First Nat'l. Bank of Bar Harbor from Invested United States Treasury Bonds)	\$ 4,000.00
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### TEMPORARY LOANS

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Bar Harbor Banking & Trust Co.	\$ 10,000.00
First National Bank of Bar Harbor	10,000.00
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	\$ 20,000.00
<i>Received:</i>	
Bar Harbor Banking & Trust Co.	\$ 10,000.00
First National Bank of Bar Harbor	10,000.00
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	\$ 20,000.00
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### COUNTY TAX

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Iva W. Clark, County Treasurer	\$ 10,996.45
Assessed As Per Warrant	\$ 10,996.45
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# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

## L. Lawrie Holmes, Town Clerk

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Expenditures: \$165.50

Employees:

Part Time 1

The following vital statistics were recorded during the year 1953:

Marriages	26
Births	38
Deaths	31
Names	Deaths
James B. Bain, age 66	April 13
Iva Mae Berry	July 17
William A. Brown, age 67	April 29
Stephanie Bickford, age 3 mos.	October 30
Lena West Campbell, age 88	March 11
Nettie Mildred Dow, age 67	May 3
Florence G. Daws, age 67	March 9
Mabel L. Driscoll, age 62	October 29
Andrew E. Fennelly, age 72	March 4
Burton A. Fernald, age 66	September 29
Addie Lena Higgins, age 90	October 21
Ermina E. Higgins, age 83	September 30
Eleanor H. Hobart, age 90	February 9
Fred H. Hodgdon, age 62	July 21
Alder Blair Jeffers, age 37	April 3
Mary G. Jordan, age 65	February 20
Cora Hamer Jordan, age 71	June 12
Anna T. Kvam, age 59	September 19
Ingvald George Kvam	November 25
Anna Farwell DeKoven, age 92	January 1
Charlie Albert Means,	July 8
Ida W. Moore	July 14
Minnie Fuller Manchester, age 92	May 4
Edward McCormick, age 60	August 5
Lottie Belle Perkins, age 77	February 5
Thomas B. Ralph, age 96	May
Lester Richardson, age 57	July 5
Elwood Rowe	May 26
Annie Warren Reed, age 54	September 1
Cora A. Sargent, age 85	September 7
Pauline Wright Williams, age 48	November 3
Roland Lewis Carter, age 74	November 7
Jane Elizabeth Gatchell, age 1 day	November 14
Grace M. Simmons, age 76	November 20

## TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT SCHOOL REPORT

Paul J. Brown, Superintendent

To the Superintending School Committee of the Town of Mount Desert:

I herewith submit my seventh annual report as the Superintendent of Schools for the fiscal year ending, December 31, 1953.

## School Finances

The School Department closed the fiscal year, 1953 with a balance of \$3,622.01 in the General School Fund Account. Of this amount, \$2,704.88 is owed to teachers receiving their salaries on the fifty-two week basis. The Consolidated Statement also indicates an unexpended balance, most of which is held for specific purposes. In the repair account there is a balance of \$1,804.19, which will be used for roofing the Stetson School. The School Bus Account amounts to \$5,000 which will be used for future bus purchases.

Total school expenditures in 1953 of \$114,085.41 exceeded those of 1952 by \$1,878.92. In the General School Fund we had expenditures of \$102,670.50 in 1953, compared with \$100,845.11 in 1952, an increase of \$1,825.39. Expenditures will increase in 1954 as indicated in the enclosed budget.

The School Department is asking for a total appropriation of \$98,429.82 for the fiscal year 1954, an increase of \$4,464.82 over the fiscal year 1953. This increase in the budget is due to increased salaries for teachers and the decrease in estimated resources over those of the preceding year.

Though the appropriation for 1954 exceeds that of 1953 by several thousand dollars, it is still below the appropriation of 1952. There is every indication that school appropriations will continue to increase, unless teachers' salaries begin to level off in the near future. School personnel salaries account for over 70% of our General

School Fund expenditures. The scarcity of teachers in Maine and the continuing demand of other states for Maine teachers makes it necessary to raise salaries in order to keep our teachers.

#### State Teacher Minimum Salary Law

Through the efforts of the Maine Teachers' Association, the Maine State Legislature, at its last session, was induced to pass what is known as the Teachers' Minimum Salary Law. Under the provisions of this law, all towns throughout the State must increase the salaries of their teachers at the rate of \$300.00 a year until the maximum salary is reached. Though this State salary schedule is now a law, it does not affect the Town of Mount Desert to any appreciable extent. A salary schedule was adopted by the Town of Mount Desert several years ago, which provides for salary increases exceeding those of the State schedule. The salary schedule is as follows:

Experience	Classification Based On			
	Years of Training, Education in Years			
	Class I Less than 3 Years	Class II Less than 4 Years	Class III 4 Years Degree	Class IV Master's Degree
0	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$2,700
1	2,100	2,300	2,600	2,800
2	2,200	2,400	2,700	2,900
3	2,300	2,500	2,800	3,000
4	2,400	2,600	2,900	3,100
5		2,700	3,000	3,200
6		2,800	3,100	3,200
7			3,200	3,400
8			3,300	3,500
9			3,400	3,600
10			3,500	3,700

Salaries of principals, special teachers, and supervisors shall be determined by the School Board.

It is interesting to note that according to a recent bulletin issued by the Maine Teachers' Association giving a comparison of salaries paid by Maine towns, that the average salary paid in Mount Desert is \$2,737.50. In Bar Harbor it is \$3,023.79, Southwest Harbor, \$2,618.42; Tremont, \$2,100.00; and in Ellsworth, \$2,710.91. The average salaries of Maine teachers is at present \$2,409, an increase of 154% since 1939. Though we are paying better salaries than many of the towns throughout Maine, there is still much to be desired.

### School Enrollments

Total school enrollment in the schools of Mount Desert has remained approximately the same as last year. There has been a slight increase in the enrollment of the various elementary schools, which has been offset by a continuing decrease in the number attending high school. There is every indication that this trend will continue in the secondary grades as several citizens with families have moved out of town within the past year. At the present time we have buildings with sufficient space to house over 750 children, but with an enrollment of less than half that number.

### The Educational Program

The educational programs offered by the schools of the country have been, and will continue to be, the subject of much discussion and controversy. Especially is this true in the smaller towns where subject offerings have been limited because of the lack of facilities and the finances to make them possible. The Town of Mount Desert, however, has been very fortunate in this respect, as adequate facilities and competent faculties have been made it possible to offer a broad, varied and enriched program. It is a matter of pride to our teachers and school authorities that the majority of pupils leaving the Mount Desert schools have given an excellent accounting of themselves.



So far as we know, none of our pupils attending higher fields of endeavor have failed because of the lack of academic background, and many of them have made the honor rolls in the various schools attended.

We believe that we are making definite improvement and progressive steps in the educational program. Among the new features introduced into the program has been the Story Telling Program, offering excellent training in public speaking to many of our students, and which has become an integral part and a very definite addition to our curriculum; physical education has been made compulsory to all pupils from the fourth grade up; training in art and music is open to both the elementary and secondary groups; Vocational Home Economics is offered all girls; every pupil in the high school is required to take one year of typewriting some time during his four years of secondary school; one year of public speaking training is offered to all pupils, both college and non-college, a course which is both practical and functional and which should enable our boys and girls, whether they go on to higher education or stay at home, to better adjust themselves to their needs of their communities. The aim of any educational program is to train an intelligent citizenry, in order that they may become useful members of the communities in which they live.

#### Northeast Harbor Library

No discussion of our educational program can be made without stressing the importance to the schools of the facilities available in this beautiful Northeast Harbor library building. This building, made possible for the town through the efforts of our numerous summer friends, contains reference books and available materials of all kinds that are usually found only in the large city libraries. Through the cooperation of the library trustees and Mrs. Winifred Joy, the librarian, who has given so generously of her time, the building has been open several afternoons a week, making it possible for the student body to take advantage of this vast reservoir of source material.

It is in the main room of the library that the Story Telling Project is held each Friday afternoon. Students trained in story telling, under the guidance of Miss Wood of the high school faculty, tell their stories to the elementary groups brought into Northeast Harbor from the various schools. The children look forward to an educational, interesting and entertaining afternoon. This program is sponsored and financed through the library with the help of our summer friends.

The Library is also responsible for our scholarship program. Each year two \$300.00 scholarships are made available to worthy and deserving pupils graduating from the high school. Additional financial help has also been given, in several cases, to worthy students who have had difficulty in financing their education at the schools they are attending. The school department extends its thanks and appreciation to the library trustees and summer friends for the assistance they are giving our graduates.

### School Personnel

Several changes occurred in our school personnel this past year. Some of our teachers left the State, one was married, and higher salaries paid by other towns induced several others to move. The turn-over in teacher personnel throughout the State, during the past few years, has been far above normal. Teachers' salaries paid by other states in New England are so much higher than those paid in Maine that many of our teachers have left the State.

The elementary teaching personnel is practically the same as last year, with two exceptions. Mrs. Grace Bartlett, a teacher in the elementary schools of Mount Desert for over forty years, retired this year. During the years she has been with us, she has earned the respect and admiration of all who knew her. The school department accepted her resignation with exceeding regret. We hope that the future will be as pleasant and happy for her as she has made the past for the many boys and girls who have been her pupils. Her place has been taken by Mrs. Ernestine Savage, an experienced teacher, and a graduate

of Gorham Normal School. To provide for the increased enrollment in the sub-primary grade at the Stetson School, Mrs. Willette Mitchell was hired to teach during the morning session. Unless there is another large entering class in the fall, this position will be discontinued in the spring.

In the high school, several changes occurred in the faculty, most of them coming late in the summer when it was difficult to find replacements. We believe that we have been fortunate in the teachers secured and that we have an exceptionally able faculty. Miss Dora Argeros, our Commercial teacher, resigned to teach in Massachusetts, and her position was filled by Mrs. Ralph Savage, a teacher with experience and a graduate of Drexel Institute. The French and English teacher, Mr. Albert Genovese, also resigned to accept a position in Massachusetts. Miss Pauline Page, a graduate of Colby College and with many years of experience in high school work, filled this vacancy. Miss Norma Drummond, teacher of Public Speaking and English, resigned to continue her education at Boston University. Her place was taken by Miss Suzanne Wood, who has been with us for three years as our girl's physical education director. Miss Bonita Burney, a graduate of New Hampshire State, has replaced Miss Wood in this position. The Home Economics instructor, Miss Carolyn Hall, resigned to be married, and we were fortunate to secure Mrs. Christina Stanley, an experienced teacher and a graduate of the University of Maine.

Our boys' Physical Education instructor, Mr. Earle Jowdry, resigned to accept a position at Sumner High School in Sullivan. Mr. Merle Perkins, a recent graduate of the University of Maine, is now in this position. The basketball coach and Mathematics and Science teacher, Mr. William Redmond, resigned during the summer to accept a similar position at Higgins Classical Institute. Mr. Irving Marsden, a graduate of the University of Maine, is teaching the Mathematics and Science classes, and Mr. Don Coates is coaching boys' basketball. In August, Mr. Paul Leeman, our Music Instructor, resigned to accept a position in a Florida College. This position has

been filled by Mr. Harold Breen, a graduate of Boston University's School of Music. He has held positions in the schools of Oakland, Maine, and Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

### Repairs

It is always difficult to budget expenditures for repairs because of the large unforeseeable incidents which continually arise. The maintenance of five large buildings and two bus garages requires unlimited time and effort on the part of those responsible.

The budget for repairs of 1954 is the lowest it has been for years. This is primarily due to the large balance we are carrying over for repairs of the Stetson School room and the excellent condition of all our buildings.

During the past summer extensive renovations were undertaken in the Stetson School. All rooms and corridors were painted throughout, using color schemes to make the rooms attractive and conducive to improve study conditions. It was necessary to replaster some of the walls in the various rooms and to install cork bulletin boards where needed. The exterior walls of the building were pointed up and waterproofed, which has apparently stopped all leaks that have given so much trouble in the past. Funds were reserved in the repair account for re-roofing the building, and this will be done this summer.

In the Otter Creek School all classrooms and corridors were painted and plans are being made to paint the exterior trimmings this summer. The exteriors of the Dunham and High School buildings were also given coats of paint during the past year. So far, no major repairs are contemplated for this year.

May I, at this time, extend my thanks and appreciation to the principals, teachers, janitors, bus drivers, school lunch cooks, and people of Mount Desert for their cooperation and help during the past year. To the members of the Superintending School Committee, who have given so generously to their time and efforts, and with whom it has been so gratifying to work, I want to express my personal thanks.



## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Manchester, John G.	Term Expires March, 1954
Coffin, Dr. Ernest L.	Term Expires March, 1955
Bucklin, Horace	Term Expires March, 1956

## SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Brown, Paul J.	Superintendent of Schools
Coffin, Alice	School Office Secretary
Barker, Lucy	School Nurse

## LIST OF TEACHERS

Name	School	Grade
Ernest, Raymond, Principal	Mount Desert High	7-12
Coates, Don	Mount Desert High	7-12
Herrick, Grace	Mount Desert High	7-12
Marsden, Irving	Mount Desert High	7-12
Page, Pauline	Mount Desert High	7-12
Snow, Charles	Mount Desert High	7-12
Wood, Suzanne	Mount Desert High	7-12
Burney, Bonita	Mount Desert High	Physical Ed.
Perkins, Merle	Mount Desert High	Physical Ed.
Stanley, Christina	Mount Desert High	Home Ec.
Salisbury, Roy	Mount Desert High	Ind. Arts
Savage, Annabel	Mount Desert High	Commercial
Breen, Harold	All Schools	Music
Moise, William	All Schools	Art
Burlock, Ruby	Dunham	Primary
Jordan, Marie	Dunham	Intermediate
Gallup, Nira	Otter Creek	Primary
Somes, Ethel	Otter Creek	Intermediate
Higgins, Ruby, Principal	Somesville	Upper
Grant, Margaret	Somesville	Intermediate
Savage, Ernestine	Somesville	Primary
Fennelly, Mildred, Principal	Stetson	Upper
Fernald, Norma	Stetson	Intermediate
Hill, Kathryn	Stetson	Intermediate
Hatch, Marjorie	Stetson	Primary
Mitchell, Willette	Stetson	Sub-Primary

## BUS DRIVERS

Blanchard, Maynard	Mount Desert
Eaton, Hugh	Otter Creek
Robinson, Clifford	Somesville

## SCHOOL JANITORS

Name	School
Eaton, Hugh	Otter Creek
Gibbs, Arthur	Mount Desert High
Jordan, M. J.	Dunham
Robbins, Sidney	Mount Desert High
Robinson, Clifford	Somesville
Smith, Mabel	Stetson

## SCHOOL LUNCH EMPLOYEES

Damon, Dorothy	Mount Desert High
Nicholson, Alice	Mount Desert High
Henkler, Inez	Mount Desert High
Ninfi, Clelia	Somesville

## PRESENT SCHOOLS IN TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT

Name	Location	Enrollment	Teachers
Dunham	Seal Harbor	30	2
Mount Desert High	Northeast Harbor	154	12
Otter Creek	Otter Creek	28	2
Somesville	Mount Desert	57	3
Stetson	Northeast Harbor	94	5
Special Teachers			2

## ENROLLMENT BY GRADES

School	SP	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Dunham	8	5	5	3	4	5							
O. Creek	7	6	5	2	6	2							
S'ville	8	9	5	10	9	11	5						
Stetson	18	18	6	15	7	16	14						
M. D. High								23	27	27	28	32	16
Elementary Total							209						
Secondary Total							154						
Total Enrollment							363						



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT

### Resources

Appropriated by Town	\$ 93,965.00
Balance, December 31, 1952	
General School Fund	7,643.75
Apparatus and Equipment	485.63
Athletic Field	85.34
School Bus Account	5,000.00
State of Maine	1,158.81
State of Maine	16,043.75
Robert Sangnier, Tuition	49.00
Mt. Desert High School	93.45
Mildred Fennelly	1.75
Town of Cranberry Isles	5.30
A. V. Higgins	1.70
Pemetic High School	15.00
Maurice J. Murrell	3.50
Kathryn Hill	12.00
Roy Salisbury	213.00
William Redmond	5.50
American Legion	12.00
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	\$124,794.48

### Expenditures

General School Fund	\$102,670.50
Repairs	3,425.81
Apparatus and Equipment	1,366.63
School Lunch	1,400.00
School Insurance	2,765.02
Superintendent's Salary and Expense	2,200.00
School Office	94.85
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	\$114,085.41
Consolidated Balance, December 31, 1953	<hr/> <hr/> \$ 10,709.07

# GENERAL SCHOOL FUND

## Resources

Town Appropriation for High School Salaries (Inc.	
Physical Education and Industrial Arts)	\$33,000.00
Common School Salaries	23,000.00
Janitors and Cleaning	8,000.00
Conveyance	6,000.00
Textbooks	2,000.00
Supplies	4,000.00
Fuel	5,036.00
Balance, December 31, 1952	7,643.75
State of Maine	1,158.81
State of Maine	16,043.75
Robert Sangnier, Tuition	49.00
Mt. Desert High School	93.45
Mildred Fennelly	1.75
Town of Cranberry Isles	5.30
A. V. Higgins	1.70
Pemetic High School	15.00
Maurice J. Murrell	3.50
Kathryn Hill	12.00
Roy Salisbury	213.00
William Redmond	5.50
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	\$106,332.51

## Expenditures

High School Salaries	\$38,628.52
Common School Salaries	29,082.14
Janitor and Cleaning	10,264.09
Fuel	6,177.56
Conveyance	8,525.90
Textbooks	2,671.00
Supplies	6,673.16
Industrial Education Supplies	648.13
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	\$102,670.50
General School Fund Balance, Dec. 31, 1953	<hr/>
	\$ 3,662.01
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## REPAIRS

## Resources

Town Appropriation	\$ 5,218.00
American Legion	12.00
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	\$ 5,230.00
Expenditures, Including Overdraft	\$ 3,425.81
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Balance, December 31, 1953	<u>\$1,805.19</u>

## SCHOOL OFFICE

## Resources

Town Appropriation	\$ 200.00
Expenditure	\$ 94.85
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Balance, December 31, 1953	<u>\$ 105.15</u>

SCHOOL BUDGET 1954

## GENERAL SCHOOL FUND

## Estimated Expenditures

High School Salaries, Incl. Physical Education and Industrial Arts	\$ 42,281.46
Common School Salaries, Incl. Art and Music	32,482.20
Janitors and Cleaning	10,780.00
Conveyance	8,674.00
Fuel	7,000.00
Textbooks	3,000.00
Supplies, Including Industrial Arts	6,000.00
Superintendent's Salary and Expense	2,400.00
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	\$112,517.66

## Estimated Receipts

Owed to Teachers	\$ 2,704.88
Balance, Dec. 31, 1953	957.13
State of Maine	16,043.75
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	\$ 19,705.76
<i>Necessary Town Appropriation</i>	<u>\$ 92,811.90</u>

## MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

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### REPAIRS

#### Estimated Expenditures

Estimated Expenditures	\$ 2,500.00
Balance, December 31, 1953	1,804.19
<i>Necessary Town Appropriation</i>	<u>\$ 695.81</u>

## APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT

#### Estimated Expenditures

Overdraft, December 31, 1953	\$ 20.00
Audio-Visual Aids	500.00
Industrial Arts Equipment	200.00
Band Instruments	180.00
<i>Necessary Town Appropriation</i>	<u>\$ 900.00</u>

#### Resources

Town Appropriation	\$ 861.00
Balance, December 31, 1952	485.63
	<u>\$ 1,346.63</u>
Expenditure	1,366.63
<i>Overdraft, December 31, 1953</i>	<u>\$ 20.00</u>

## SCHOOL LUNCH ACCOUNT

#### Resources

Town Appropriation	\$ 1,400.00
Expenditures, Including Overdraft	<u>1,400.00</u>

## SCHOOL INSURANCE

## Resources

Town Appropriation	\$ 2,900.00
Expenditures, Including Overdraft	2,765.02
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<i>Balance, December 31, 1953</i>	<i>\$ 134.98</i>
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## SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY AND EXPENSE

## Resources

Town Appropriation	\$ 2,200.00
Expenditures	\$ 2,200.00
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## ATHLETIC FIELD

## Resources

Town Appropriation	\$ 100.00
Balance, December 21, 1952	85.34
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	\$ 185.34
Expenditures	162.60
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<i>Balance, December 31, 1953</i>	<i>\$ 22.74</i>
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## SCHOOL BUS ACCOUNT

## Resources

Balance, December 31, 1952	\$ 4,000.00
Transfer from Gen. School Fund, 1953	1,000.00
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<i>Balance, December 31, 1953</i>	<i>\$ 5,000.00</i>
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## SCHOOL OFFICE

Estimated Expenditures	\$ 200.00
Balance, December 31, 1953	105.15
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<i>Necessary Town Appropriation</i>	<i>\$ 94.85</i>
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## SCHOOL LUNCH

Estimated Expenditures	\$ 1,200.00
<i>Necessary Town Appropriation</i>	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>

## ATHLETIC FIELD

## Estimated Expenditures

Estimated Expenditures	\$ 150.00
Balance, December 31, 1953	22.74
<i>Necessary Town Appropriation</i>	<u>\$ 127.26</u>

## SCHOOL INSURANCE

## Estimated Expenditures

Estimated Expenditures	\$ 2,734.98
Balance, December 31, 1953	134.98
<i>Necessary Town Appropriation</i>	<u>\$ 2,600.00</u>
<i>Total Town Appropriation</i>	<u>\$ 98,429.82</u>

Increase in School Appropriation for 1954, \$4,464.82.



# MOUNT DESERT COMPARISON OF BUDGETS

Account	1953	1954
High School Salaries	\$ 40,213.39	\$ 42,281.46
Commons School Salaries	29,899.36	32,382.20
Janitors and Cleaning	11,042.00	10,780.00
Conveyance	8,200.00	8,674.00
Fuel	7,000.00	7,000.00
Textbooks	3,000.00	3,000.00
Supplies, Including Industrial Arts	6,000.00	6,000.00
Superintendent's Salary and Expense		2,400.00
	<hr/> \$105,354.75	<hr/> \$112,517.66

## Estimated Resources

Balance	\$ 7,643.75	\$ 3,662.01
State of Maine	16,625.00	16,043.75
	<hr/> \$ 24,268.75	<hr/> \$ 19,705.76
<i>General School Fund Appropriation</i>	\$ 81,086.00	\$ 92,811.90
Repairs	\$ 5,218.00	\$ 695.81
Apparatus and Equipment	861.00	900.00
Supt's. Salary and Exp.	2,200.00	
School Office	200.00	94.85
School Lunch	1,400.00	1,200.00
School Insurance	2,900.00	2,600.00
Athletic Field	100.00	127.26
	<hr/> \$ 12,879.00	<hr/> \$ 5,617.92
<i>Total Town Appropriation</i>	<hr/> \$ 93,965.00	<hr/> \$ 98,429.82

Increase in School Appropriation, \$4,464.82.

## SOMESVILLE SCHOOL LUNCH FINANCIAL REPORT

### Receipts

Balance, December 31, 1952	\$ 57.10
Receipts from Lunches	1,640.27
Government Subsidy	376.99
Town of Mount Desert	1,010.00
Somesville V. I. A.	100.00
Somesville Circle	100.00
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	\$ 3,284.36

### Expenditures

Food	\$ 2,058.76
Labor	984.00
Miscellaneous	115.50
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	\$ 3,158.26
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<i>Balance, December 31, 1953</i>	<i>\$ 126.10</i>

Total number of meals served during the year, 6,907.

## MOUNT DESERT SCHOOL LUNCH FINANCIAL REPORT

### Receipts

Balance, December 31, 1952	\$ 109.98
Receipts from Lunches	5,338.03
Government Subsidy	1,176.40
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	\$ 6,624.41

### Expenditures

Food	\$ 4,677.83
Labor	1,718.50
Miscellaneous	207.34
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	\$ 6,603.67
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<i>Balance, December 31, 1953</i>	<i>\$ 20.74</i>

Total number of meals served during year, 22,095.

TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

December 31, 1953

Trustees' Accountability	\$204,338.82	
Bonds Payable	170,000.00	
Income from Investment	4,551.36	
B. H. Banking & Trust Co. \$	7.37	\$378,890.18
First National Bank	66.36	
		\$ 73.73
Building Contract	\$304,793.06	
Architect	15,079.58	
Sewer and Water	4,964.81	
Fixtures and Equipment	24,452.59	
Miscellaneous Costs	1,160.28	
Landscaping	5,772.25	
Exp. of Administration	974.53	
Maintenance, Ball Field	2,615.35	
Insurance	1,404.00	
Interest	17,600.00	
		\$378,816.45
		\$378,890.78

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER CONSOLIDATION OF THE GRADE SCHOOLS IN THE TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT

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Within the year the committee members have met and, with the Superintendent, have reviewed problems relating to the grade schools.

The town has a widespread school layout. Separated grade schools are maintained in four locations. The schools in the villages of Northeast Harbor, Seal Harbor, Otter Creek, serve in the main, children of these respective villages. The school in Somesville is not as limited and is, in effect, an area or consolidated school by itself, most of the children being transported to it, and serving, in addition to the village of Somesville, the districts of Sound, Hall Quarry, Beech Hill and Pretty Marsh. About three quarters of the children who attend the Somesville school receive transportation. The only school lunch program being carried on solely for grade school children is in effect in this school. Children who attend the grade school at Northeast Harbor may participate in the school lunch offered at the high school. No lunch program is available either at Seal Harbor or Otter Creek.

The town of Mount Desert covers an extensive area, has generous tax receipts, and a population of small size, which in the years since the war has declined. The grade school buildings were located in their present situations before the development of easy motor transportation. The number of buildings was greater originally, but the consolidation at Somesville long ago eliminated some. With the passing years the buildings still in use have been improved, rebuilt, or in the situation at Seal Harbor, newly constructed. All are in a reasonably good state of repair, have excellent heating facilities and other features of merit. Unfortunately, the present situation of the town's population has resulted in none of the buildings being fully used. Empty rooms exist. Some classes are regret-

tably small. In each village most of the teachers have two or more grades under their supervision. The committee members have been more concerned about the small size of certain classes than about any other one factor.

A tabulation of the grade schools is herewith presented:

#### Enrollment by Schools:

School	Enrollment	Positions Teaching	Average No. of Students Per Teacher
Dunham	28	2	14
Otter Creek	27	2	13 (approx)
Stetson	94	4½	21 "
Somesville	58	3	19 "

#### Enrollment by Grades:

School	SP	1	2	3	4	5	6
Dunham	8	5	5	3	4	5	
Otter Creek	7	6	5	2	6	1	
Stetson	18	18	6	15	7	16	14
Somesville	8	9	5	10	9	11	5

The present is a time of some instability here at Mount Desert. Following the business changes of the 1930's and the war, we have seen the summer business become considerably changed. We have experienced also a considerable decline in population. On the whole, however, the town's economy has been reasonably sustained; certainly the town government has been maintained and all of its facilities carried on, and our new high school has been built. Tax revenues have increased and the valuation maintained. Summer trade shows signs of the strengthening, a trend which may be helped if the federal government reduces taxes. The town has begun recently a major harbor improvement in the Northeast Harbor area. If de-

fense activities in other states slacken, it may be supposed that some of the families who have gone away will come back. The members of the committee have felt that any change in this school program which would involve capital outlay of magnitude might be, and probably would be, poorly timed if it were to be undertaken within this coming year.

The consensus of opinion with many members of the committee is that in due course the town should take steps to bring the grade school children together. It is the opinion of all of the members that for a number of reasons any program of this kind would better be undertaken in the near future, but not in this year 1954. At this time we can not feel very confident in any predictions about a further decline, or, (which is more probable), an increase in the school population. It seems clear, too, that any program of consolidation would require capital outlay of considerable magnitude. At this moment, with the new high school amortization requiring large annual appropriations, and the major financial involvement of the town in the harbor improvement, it seems clear that a further undertaking which would require large capitalization would be ill timed. The situation will change. As early as 1955 the annual appropriation to pay off the high school debt will be reduced by \$5,000.00. A sum of this size might well be appropriated next year in lieu of this scheduled reduction and be set aside to begin a fund to meet whatever may be needed, when, possibly in four or five years, the situation can be more confidently appraised and some suitable program be adopted. Within a short time the outline of future trends as to business, tax receipts and population should become clearer at the precise period when the capital programs of the town should be better scheduled for any undertaking than is the case in 1954.

Our town is one of the very few in this region which maintains a grade school system as widespread with so few pupils. The reasons are obvious: ample tax receipts, existing buildings which are very good, and a widespread



population, even though it be a small one. Despite the excellence of the facilities, the situation is probably not a good one. Children go to school to the building which is nearest at hand, largely on foot in the settlements in the southern part of the town, and largely by bus in the settlements in the north and west parts of the town. Until the children reach the seventh grade and automatically enter the consolidated Junior High School, they are mostly associated with their neighboring children in their own districts. In some instances they enter and pass through six grades which are so limited in numbers as to offer little competition or stimulation; certainly not permitting the variety of interest which would be present were all of the children of the town drawn together in acquaintance from their very entry into school life. In some ways it might appear that the children in the separated parts of the town receive quite different educational values. This is a point which does not lend itself to ready determination. The situation is an uneven one and to some extent it is a divisive influence in a town which already is very scattered.

There is unanimous agreement within the committee that a further consolidation of the grade schools would reduce operating expenses. There is not uniform agreement about how much would be saved. However, it seems to be clear that if the four schools presently being operated were to be combined into one, there would be some resultant saving, which in itself could be used within the budget towards amortizing additional capital costs which might be encountered.

#### Conclusions:

1. That the differing, separated educational facilities indicate the likelihood of unequal advantages for the town's grade students.
2. That the maintenance of separate schools indicates the existence of higher costs than would be the case with a consolidation.

3. That the small classes existing in two of the schools is not in the best interests of the children. In this regard, attention is called to the fact that the size of some individual classes at Somesville is but little greater than at Otter Creek and Seal Harbor, and that two classes at Northeast Harbor are in the same category.
4. That any proper plan of consolidation should include all the grade school children in order to provide equalization of opportunity.
5. That any proper plan would probably entail capital costs of considerable magnitude.
6. That the town's present indebtedness, both actual and authorized, (including the high school district debt), totals about \$270,000.00.
7. That the town's resident population has declined since the war. No one knows to what extent people who have gone away will come back.
8. That in view of the foregoing, the committee members believe that the present period is unfavorable for the establishment of a revised system, other than in tentative terms.

#### Recommendations:

1. That the town take no action at present in connection with the 1954 town meeting, in the sense of raising money.
2. That the town conclude to keep active the idea of a consolidation by continuing the study of the problem by a committee.
3. That if budget and other financial conditions indicate, the committee prepare an article for inclusion in the 1955 warrant for an item of at least \$5,000.00 to be appropriated and laid aside to begin a capital fund. The amount suggested is adopted in view of the fact that in 1955 the annual appropriation to pay for the

high school building will be reduced from \$20,000.00 to \$15,000.00. The \$5,000.00 figure proposed would thus coincide with the reduction already scheduled and would not increase the budget.

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COMMITTEE

Charles K. Savage, Chairman

Richard Allen

James P. Bunker

E. Eddy Coston

Robert Garrity

Gerald Richardson

Kenneth Tripp

Howard Wood

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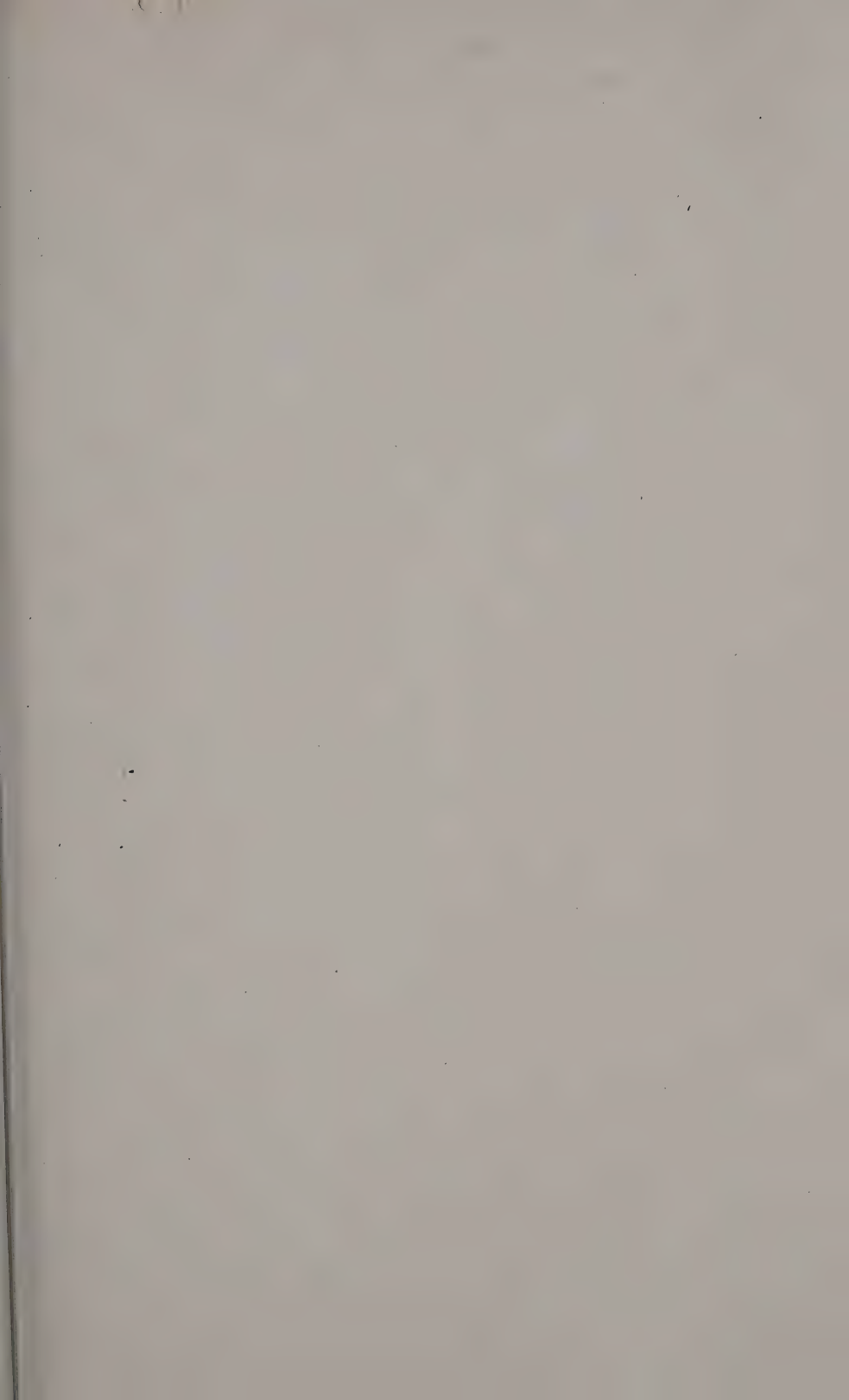
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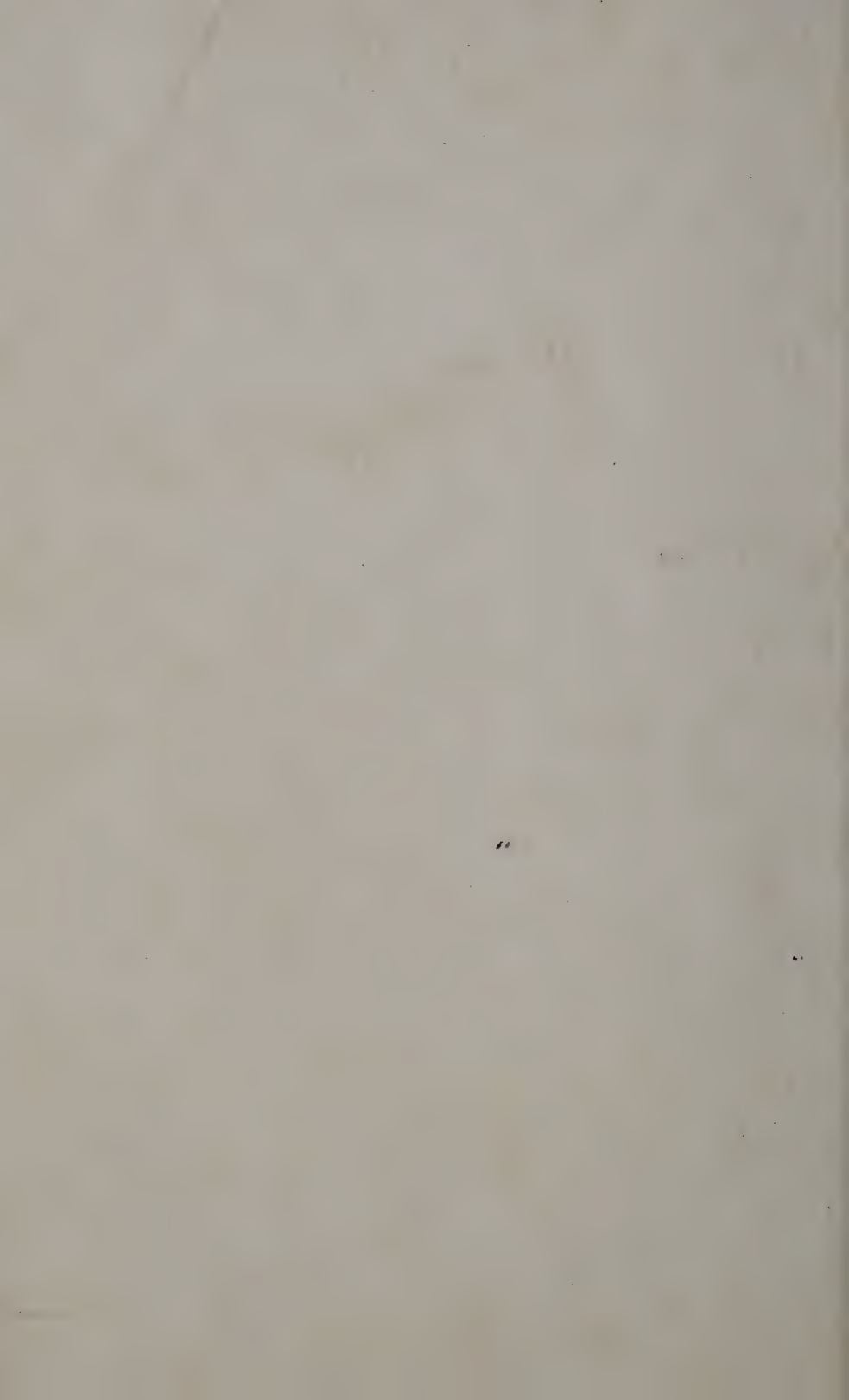
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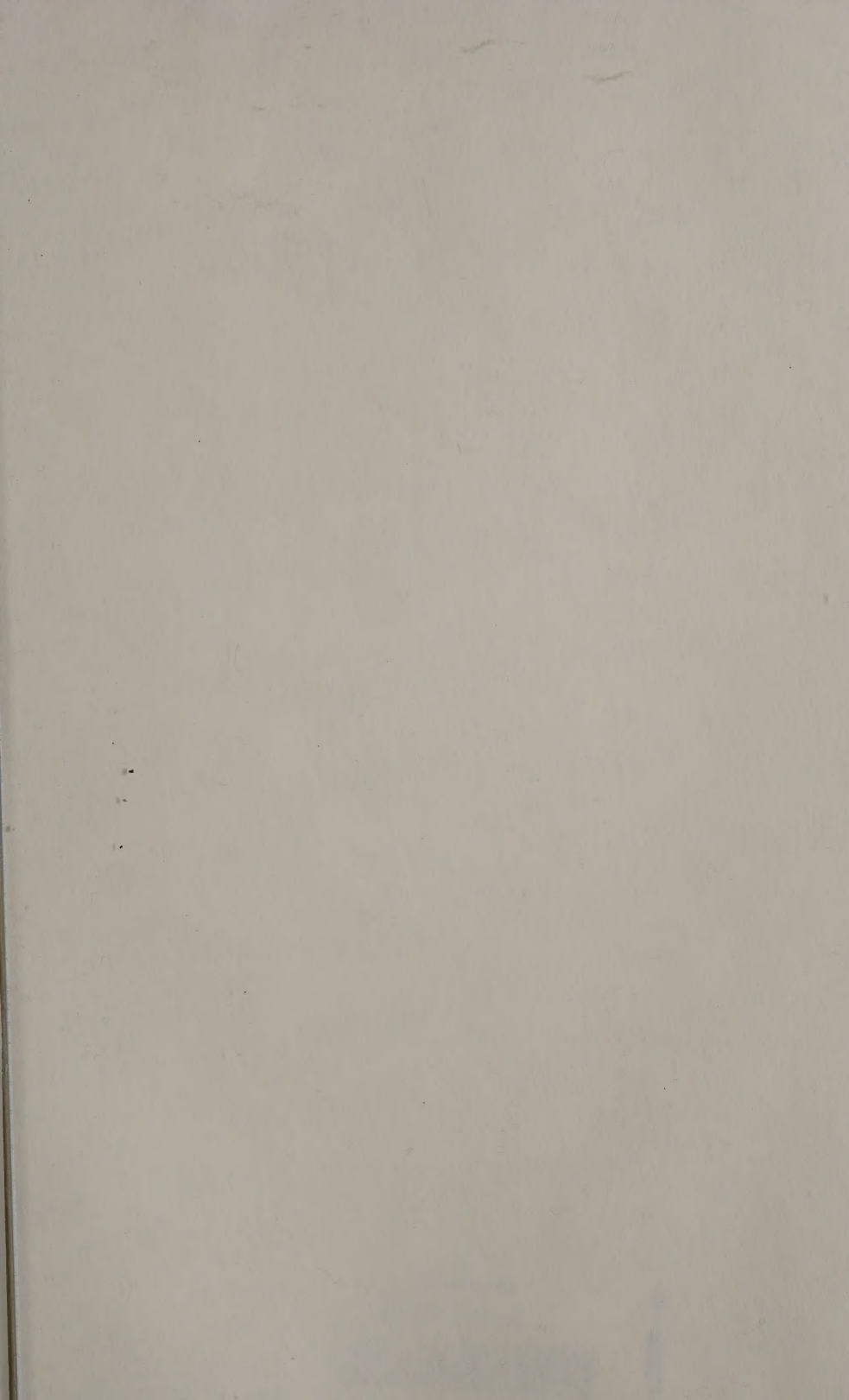
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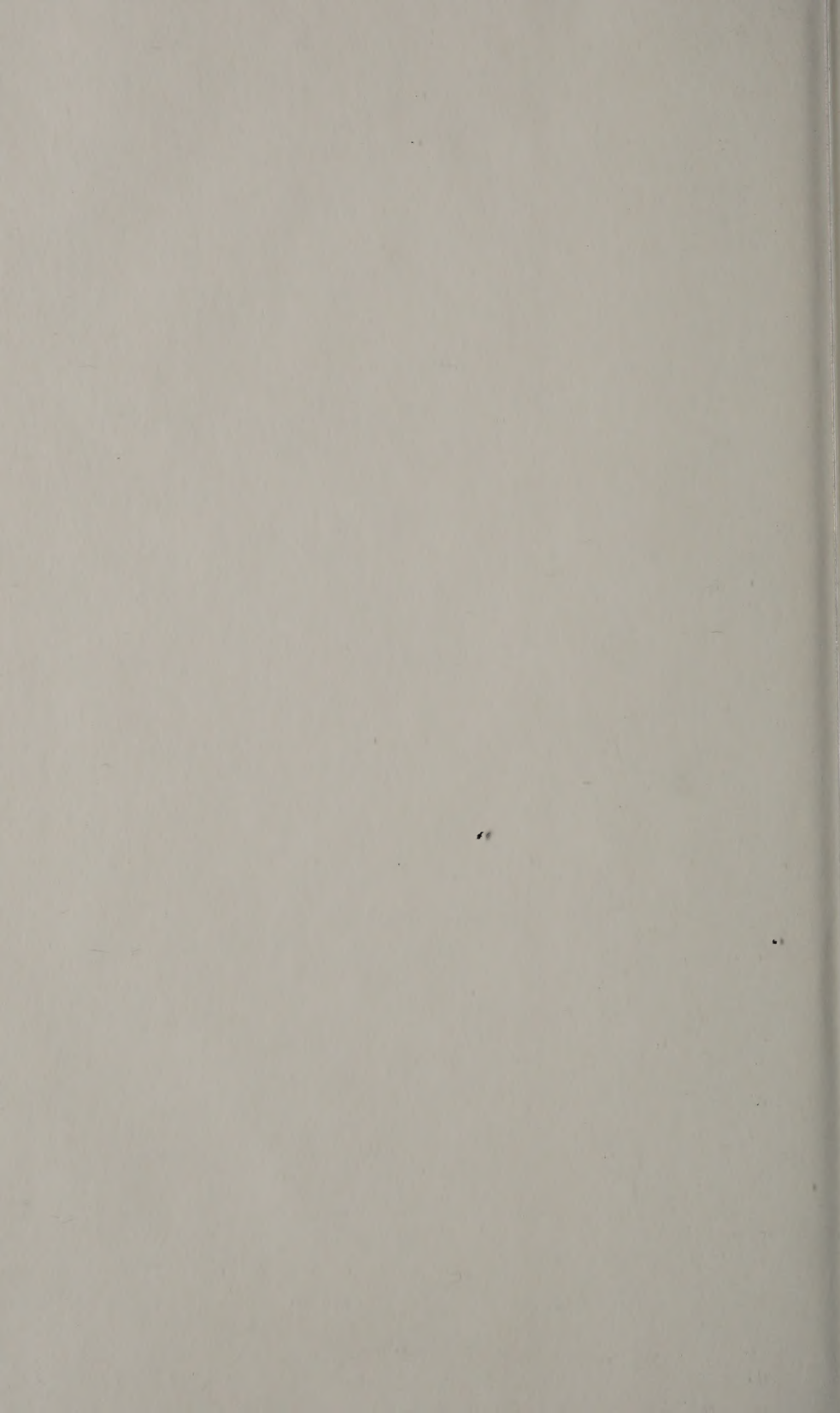
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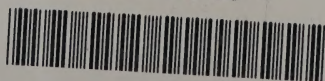






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